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# HOTEL FIRE LATEST. OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO DISASTER. THRILLING STORY BY SERIOUSLY INJURED AMERICAN. NO TRACE OF MR. SETH.

No trace of the body of Mr. Enos Seth, of other missing residents, believed to be buried in the debris of the King Edward Hotel fire, has been found in spite of an intensive all-night search, continued this morning. The endeavour to recover the body will be persisted in as there is little doubt that Mr. Seth, with others, perished in the blaze.

An official inquiry, embracing all aspects of the disaster, is to be held. It will take the form of a Coroner's Inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of the Australian victim, Mr. William Woods, and it will commence on Friday afternoon next before Mr. E. W. Hamilton and a special jury.

Of the injured, Andrew Piccoli, of the U.S.S. Memphis, is stated this morning to be "in a bad way." He has suffered very serious injuries to his spine. He is able to talk, however, and has given a thrilling account of his terrible experiences in company with Fireman Kish, who was killed.

## INTERVIEW WITH SUPT. BROOKS.

A Coroner's inquiry into the fire at the King Edward and Savoy Hotels will be held at the Central Magistracy on Friday afternoon, with Mr. E. W. Hamilton sitting as Coroner.

The proceedings will take the form of an inquiry into the death of Mr. William Woods, the Far Eastern representative of Messrs. W. E. Woods & Co., of Sydney, Australia.

Approached by a Telegraph reporter this morning, the Senior Magistrate stated that the inquiry would embrace the whole question of the fire, and a special jury will be empanelled for the purpose.

The inquiry will take the same course, it is understood, as that held into the disaster at Happy Valley 1918.

The proceedings will commence at 2.15 p.m.

America's Thrilling Story.

A thrilling story of a choice between what appeared to be two certain methods of death, without any apparent means of escape, is told by a woman, Andrew Charles Piccoli, of the U. S. S. Memphis, who is among those who were injured and who now lies in hospital in a serious condition.

According to the story told by Piccoli, he and Kish, who lost his life, had taken a room at the King Edward Hotel on Sunday night. Sometime during the nearly hours of yesterday morning, he was awakened by Kish and informed that they were trapped in a fire. On being aroused, Piccoli heard a number of ricksha coolies shouting from the streets.

After getting hurriedly dressed and grabbing all his belongings, Piccoli tried to open the room door to get out into the hall, but the flames burst into the room and forced the pair back again.

The two men then went to the verandah to find means of escaping from the burning building. On looking into the street, nothing but flames coming from the third floor met their gaze. A glance towards the upper floors showed the position to be equally serious.

Plans Discussed.

Realising that escape either by attempting to descend to the lower floors or to ascend to the top storey was impracticable, the two men got back to the verandah and discussed plans of making their escape.

Piccoli told his companion that there was no use getting excited, as the building was made of stone and there was a fair chance of their being saved.

The smoke from below by this time started to reach the men who immediately used their neckerchiefs as gas masks. There were times when the wind appeared to change and this brought the men short intervals of relief from the suffocating volumes of smoke.

These intervals, however, became shorter and shorter.

Decision to Jump.

For about 30 minutes the men were on the verandah, unable to do anything to save themselves. Down in the streets below, they heard the crowds shouting to them to jump, and Kish appeared to be getting very excited.

Just then, a piece of stone fell and Piccoli told Kish that he intended "to make it in one jump," preferring to get killed instantaneously rather than to suffer a lingering death in the building. Piccoli then surveyed the scene below and saw about 30 to 40 men holding a big net. There was also ladder about twenty feet in height in the road.

Pathetic Parting.

Piccoli then shouted to the firemen to move the ladder away and they called back: "Wait a minute before you jump." They then moved the ladder and held out the sheet. After the canvas was placed in position according to instructions from Piccoli, the two men decided to jump.

There was then a brief and pathetic interval while the two men got ready to leave the burning building. They shook hands with each other and then took the leap. The next thing he remembered, said Piccoli, was that he was lying in bed in the hospital.

Brigade Superintendent Interviewed.

The technical side of the work of the Fire Brigade has become a matter of considerable importance in view of the heavy destruction and loss of life caused by the disaster.

The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, Mr. H. T. Brooks, was interviewed to-day by a Telegraph reporter on certain points which may be grouped under two headings: (a) the construction of the building and (b) the extent to which it affected the fire-fighting and incidental rescue work.

Another question which also suggested itself was whether more effective use could have been made of the appliances at the disposal of the Brigade or whether more up-to-date equipment is needed to deal with a fire of such magnitude.

The Alarm.

Mr. Brooks began by stating that the alarm was received from the fire-alarm box at the Hongkong Hotel corner, at 8.05 a.m. and within two minutes of the receipt of the call, two appliances were on the scene. The first to connect up with the hydrant was No. 8 pump. It also brought an escape which was immediately wheeled into position at a point where European

## MAJOR SEGRAVE'S TRIUMPH.

ATTAINS SPEED OF 231.36246 M.P.H.

BEATS WORLD RECORD EASILY AT FIRST ATTEMPT.

SHOWER OF WATER!

New York, Mar. 11.

Major H.O.D. Segrave's tremendous adventurous experiment in the quest for speed has proved triumphantly successful, the famous British racing motorist to-day setting a new world record for speed on land at Daytona Beach, Florida, in "The Golden Arrow."

He attained an average speed for the flying mile in both directions of 231.36246 miles per hour!

The American record set up by Mr. Ray Keck of 207.55 miles p.h. over the flying mile, has therefore been beaten by nearly 24 miles an hour.

Major Segrave's magnificent car, on the first run, raced down the sand track like the proverbial bullet at the sensational speed of 231.51126 m.p.h. To set an international record, acceptable officially, however, it is necessary to speed in the opposite direction, the mean being accepted as the record.

Turning round after travelling miles beyond the mark-line in standing up, Major Segrave again exceeded 231 miles an hour, his exact time on the second venture being 231.21367 m.p.h.

This gave him a mean speed of 231.36246 which is the new mark for which designers have now to aim.

Reuter states that "The Golden Arrow" behaved wonderfully throughout the hair-raising exploit, while after Major Segrave had pulled up and received the overwhelming congratulations of all who witnessed the creation of the remarkable record, he stated that the throttle was never fully opened.

The car was designed by Captain Irving, who shares with Major Segrave in the honours of the feat, to accomplish at least 250 miles an hour, and its magnificent failure to achieve such an amazing mark may be laid to Major Segrave's explanation.

The only thing that went wrong in the final attempt on the record was the breaking off of the top of the cooling system. This resulted in Major Segrave being sprayed with water.

The American racing motorist, Mr. White, has announced his intention of attempting at once to break Major Segrave's record. He has specially built a White Special for the effort, but the British contingent are confident that the new British record will hold good.

It is notable that the difference between Segrave's up and down speeds was only .23753 of a mile per hour.

The Car.

On another page will find pictures of the "Golden Arrow" about which there is more than a touch of high romance. It is not a motor-car in the ordinary sense but it represents the acme of everything that has been proved to help in producing speed. The quest of speed, and nothing else, informs every finest detail from one end of the chassis to the other, every square centimetre of the stream-lined shell bodywork which covers everything except the wheels.

The engine, which develops over 900 h.p., consists of three groups of cylinders, the two outer groups being set V-wise, the third being placed vertically between them. There is no supercharger, but the intakes of the three carburetors, which are set side by side in front, are so placed that the pressure of the air when the car is running at full speed may do the work of a blower.

Motor Clutch.

Magnets are used, and not coil-and-battery ignition. The clutch is controlled with the aid of a Dewandre vacuum servo motor. The 8-speed gearbox carries the drive to the back axle through a

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## BANDITS ATTACK MISSIONARIES.

BRITISH PARTY HELD UP BY ARMED MEN.

EVERYTHING STOLEN.

Foochow, Mar. 6.

An alarming attack was made by bandits upon a party of British missionaries a few days ago, the victims being the Rev. and Mrs. Parsons, of the Church Missionary Society, and the Misses Townsend, Church and Houlder, of the C. E. Z. M. S.

The party were travelling back from the annual Synod meeting in Foochow to the station at Kullen when, between Gaek Kau, the river port, and Kutien city, they were set on by a party of ruffians armed with rifles and knives.

The bandits were most aggressive in their tactics. They compelled

## "TELEGRAPH" ENTERPRISE APPRECIATED.

Telling the Story of the Hotel Disaster.

The Telegraph wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of appreciation received from its readers in connexion with the early publication of yesterday's account of the King Edward Hotel catastrophe.

A special edition was issued and placed on sale as early as 10.45 a.m.

Not only was a fully descriptive and authentic story made available early in the morning, but the further editions were issued containing additional details as well as a picture showing the fire at its height.

The aggregate sales yesterday constituted a record.

## THE COLONY'S WATER SHORTAGE.

LESS THAN 100 DAYS' SUPPLY IN STORAGE.

With the continuance of the spell of dry weather, the Colony's water shortage problem is engaging the further serious consideration of the authorities.

There is now less than 100 days' supply in storage on the island and, in connexion with the scheme to erect tanks in the western part of the city for the distribution of water brought over from the Kowloon side, we learn that there will eventually be four of such tanks erected, if necessary.

One in Western Street is already completed and in use and the one in Southern Street is nearing completion and will be utilised as soon as ready.

The construction of two more tanks will be undertaken in the near future unless the much-needed rainfall eventuates.

## ROYAL VISIT TO HONGKONG.

WHERE THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL STAY.

In connexion with the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester on April 25th, 26th, 27th, we learn that the original programme, published by us last week, will be adhered to with the exception that the Duke will not stay at Mountain Lodge but will make his headquarters at Government House.

There are six members of the official party, and it has now been arranged that two will stay with the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes at Bank House, two with H.R.H. the General Officer Commanding at Headquarters House and two, including the Duke, at Government House.

## WHAT IS MEANING OF WORK?

AMBIGUITIES OF THE LABOUR PACT.

BRITISH OBJECTIONS TO RATIFICATION.

HOPELESS CONFUSION.

Geneva, Mar. 11.

Seldom is there a meeting of the International Labour Office unless the subject of Britain's refusal to ratify the Washington 48-Hour Week Convention is raised, though the reasons have been set forth many times, and frequent requests have been made for the revision of the Convention.

The matter was re-opened to-day at a meeting of the governing body of the Labour Office, and Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland again expounded Britain's reasons for not ratifying.

He said Britain had always favoured the principles underlying the convention, both in theory and practice, and declared that British industries, with very few exceptions, actually conformed to the Washington principles.

Plea for Revision.

He emphasised the fundamental danger of ambiguity in international law, inasmuch as each nation was able to apply its own interpretation. The submission of ambiguities to a permanent court of international justice was a remedy almost worse than the disease. The Minister contended that the ambiguities warranted the governing body forwarding the convention for revision.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland went fully into the whole question, enumerating the British objections on the score of ambiguity.

He referred at the outset to the inadequate definitions contained in the Convention, such as "hours of work" and "week" and also drew attention to the difficulties to be found in the lines of division concerning industry, commerce and agriculture.

## Mixed Establishments.

How, he asked, were mixed establishments (partly industrial and partly commercial) to be treated?

Could not forty-eight hours weekly be spread over four or five days?

Sir Arthur also mentioned the difficulties of interpretation insofar as the very small industrial establishments were concerned.

There was also an insufficient distinction drawn between accident and "force majeure" in connexion with the circumstances in which extended hours were permissible. He asked if the necessity of finishing a technical process of which the duration could not be determined beforehand was "force majeure."

Other Points.

A better description was needed as regards the processes entitled to a 56-hour week, the definition of over-time was not clear, while the same could be said of the question of making up lost time and the rate of payment therefor.

Article 14, regarding Government suspension of the Convention in the event of national peril, should be more precisely stated and the transport hours problem required constant attention.

If there were ambiguity in an international convention it was open to each nation that ratified it to interpret it as it thought right. It was clear to all who studied the text of the Washington Convention that the important points he had enumerated, deserved reconsideration.

## Not An Ultimatum.

How was intermittent work to be defined? What exactly were the limits of over-time as applied to railway workers? Was the Sunday excluded from the word "week" or did it mean the ordinary calendar week of seven days?

Sir Arthur said that if they amended the Convention to cover the difficulties he had pointed out, he would recommend the British Government to ratify it and he was sure they would consent.

The International Labour Officer must not, however, regard those points as a British ultimatum. Reuter and British Wireless.

## CHEFOO INTRIGUE REPORTED.

LIU CHIEN-NIEN TO GO OVER TO CHANG?

A ROBBER GENERAL.

Chefoo, Mar. 11.

The revolt begun by Marshal Chang Chung-chang Eastern Shantung is developing in his favour according to latest information from the area.

A Router message from Lung-kow states that Chu Yu-pu's henchman, General Sun Tien-yin, the robber of the Empress Dowager's tomb, has arrived at Teng-showfu and is conferring with Chang Chung-chang.

Apparently Sun Tien-yin is offering to transfer his division of 10,000 men from Changkiu, in the north-east of Tsinanfu, to link up with the forces of Marshal Chang.

It is reported in the meantime that the ex-bandit leader Liu Chien-biao has sacked fifty villages in the neighbourhood of Linze, near Weishien.

The British naval authorities have been advised of rumours to the effect that an arrangement is being made between Chang Chung-chang and the Nationalist commander, Gen. Liu Chien-nien, by which Liu will retain control of Chefoo as a subordinate of Chang, and will receive an indemnity of \$10,000.

He will, however, according to the reported arrangements, surrender two-thirds of his effectives and hoist the 5-bar flag.

## MEXICO TO BOMB THE REBELS.

AMERICA WORKING NIGHT AND DAY ON MACHINES.

New York, Mar. 11.

The aircraft factory at Long Island is working day and night to complete an order for army aeroplanes from the Government of Mexico. The planes are to be equipped with machine-guns and bomb racks.

Meanwhile Mexican pilots are taking an intensive course of training at an air-station at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Reuter's American Service.

Mexico City, Mar. 11.

An official communique states that the troops of the rebel leader, General Aguirre, who were driven out of Vera Cruz last week, have surrendered to the Government forces. Reuter.

## SHANGHAI SHOOTING INCIDENTS.

COUNCIL WARNS PEDESTRIANS TO TAKE COVER.

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

The many recent Shanghai street battles between police and armed desperadoes, which have occasionally resulted in the accidental shooting of bystanders, has led to the issue of a proclamation by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The Council disclaims all responsibility for casualties to passers-by in connexion with the activities of lawless elements.

The proclamation advises all pedestrians to seek cover at the first sign of untoward incident, and warns idle sight-seers. Our Own Correspondent.

## READY FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY APPOINTED.

Nanking, Mar. 11.

The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang Party has appointed Mr. Tai Chi-bao to be Chief Secretary and Mr. Yeh Chu-chang as Acting Chief Secretary to the Third National Congress as Mr. Tai Chi-bao is in mourning. Reuter.

## RUSSO-PERSIAN TREATY.

The Customs Agreement between Russia and Persia which is to hold good for a period of seven years, was signed to-day. Reuter.

## WOODFULL GETS CENTURY.

RYDER DISMISSED IN LAST OVER.

AUSTRALIA STRICTLY ON THE DEFENSIVE.

NOW OVER 300 BEHIND.

A century by Woodfull, who continues to defy the England attack and the extreme slowness of the scoring, were the features of the Fifth Test at Melbourne this morning. When the lunch interval was taken, Australia had added only 51 runs to their overnight total and had lost the wicket of Rydner.

Woodfull reached three figures just before the umpires called time, his present score being 102, his successful hit being, as a matter of fact, during the last over before lunch. In compiling his hundred, he has so far been at the wickets for 322 minutes.

Woodfull's innings was the feature of the cricket yesterday. Batting with the greatest restraint, he yet managed to score more than half the total. His partners often found themselves in difficulties against splendid bowling, while the fielding of the England team was superb. Woodfull, however, gave not the slightest chance in the hours he spent at the wicket, and he hit only two fours.

Play was resumed this morning before a crowd of 5,000 in extremely hot weather. The wicket was playing fast, and there was the promise of thrilling cricket.

On the Defensive.

The Australian pair, Woodfull and Rydner, were purely on the defensive from the opening, and the runs came in singles, with an occasional two. Woodfull scored even faster than Rydner, who was strangely restrained.

He let loose on two occasions sending the ball to the boundary with magnificent off-drives after an hour's play, but these were the only hits of note during this period.

Rydner sent up the 200 for Australia just before lunch, and incidentally completed his 1,000 runs during his Test career. This was after Australia had been batting for five hours and 21 minutes.

A minute later, Woodfull sent his 100 up.

Ryder Out.

In the same over, Australia met with their first mishap. It was the fifth ball of the last over before lunch, and Rydner, in trying to drive Hammond, put up the ball into the safe hands of Tate, who was fielding in the gully.

Rydner had been batting for 122 for 50 runs, and had hit three 4's. Australia are still 316 runs behind.

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, lb.w., Rydner	142
D. R. Jardine, c. Olden, b. Wall	19
W. B. Hammond, c. Fairfax, b. Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c. Hornbrook, b. Rydner	31
G. Duckworth, c. Fairfax, b. Hornbrook	12
E. Hendren, c. Hornbrook, b. Fairfax	36
M. Leyland, c. Fairfax, b. Ozenham	137
H. Larwood, b. Wall	4
G. Geary, b. Hornbrook	4
M. W. Tate, c. substitute, b. Hornbrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	18
Total	510

Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 400 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 423 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 510 (Leyland).

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	40	8	123
Hornbrook	43	8	142
Ozenham	45	15	66
Geismett	25	11	40
Fairfax	27	4	64
Rydner	18	5	29
Kippax	3	1	2
Extras			3

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, not out	102
A. Jackson, run out	30
A. F. Kippax, c. Duckworth, b. White	88
J. Rydner, c. Tate, b. Hammond	80
A. Fairfax, not out	9
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wickets)	292



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**LATE MR. D. HARVEY.**

**FUNERAL YESTERDAY  
LARGELY ATTENDED.**

A large number of sympathisers gathered at the Monument yesterday afternoon to follow the remains of the late Mr. David Harvey to their last resting place in the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley. The cortege was headed by Mr. David Harvey (junior), Mr. C. Bond and Mr. G. Duncan (chief mourners). At the cemetery gates, the coffin was borne to the graveside on the shoulders of Mr. R. Duncan, Mr. G. Duncan, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. P. W. Ramsay and Mr. T. Magill. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

Among those present were the following.—The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, the District Grand Master (Dr. G. D. R. Black), the District Grand Master Depute representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland (Mr. E. J. Edwards), and Grand Lodge officers; Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. T. G. Weill, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. H. Over, Mr. C. Hatt, Capt. B. Branch, Major White, Lieut. C. H. Atkins, Mr. T. Ferguson, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. A. E. Hale, Mr. W. Heron, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. A. R. Whitley, Mr. W. Russell, Inspector K. H. E. Marks, Mr. J. McLeod, Mr. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. A. M. Simpson, Mr. G. F. F. Thompson, Mr. D. Purves, Mr. V. C. Labrum, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. D. Muir, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, Mr. W. J. Rattey, Mr. J. Bradford, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. E. W. L. Hogbin and Mr. G. J. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nish and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kempton, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. C. Bond.

The Chinese staffs of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the United Oriental Asbestos Agency, Ltd., were also represented.

**Floral Tributes.**

The numerous floral tributes included tokens from the following.—Jennie and David (wife and son); Mother and Father; Willie and Betsy; Jennie and Jim; John and Gerald; Walter and family; Lizzie; Tina, Nellie and Alex; Bella and Jim; Billy and Lizzie; Aunt Maggie and Uncle Jim; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bond and family; Mr. C. Bond, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Blackie and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family; Mr. and Mrs. N. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith; Mrs. B. Cuthbert; Mr. J. Barnett, Mr. C. Hatt, Mr. W. Cuff, Mr. J. McNab and Mr. B. Rasmussen.

Other wreaths were sent by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern; the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association; Kowloon Bowling Green Club; President, committee and members, Kowloon Cricket Club; members, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club; Kowloon Football Club; the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and Brethren, District Grand Lodge, Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China; President, committee and members, St. Andrew's Society; Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong; Government Shipway, China Light and Power Co., Ltd.; General Electric Company of China, Ltd.; Directors, Dodwell and Co., Ltd.; Union Waterfront Co., Ltd.; John Manners and Co., Ltd.; Bradley and Co., Ltd.; Yung Fat and Co., and Gande Price and Co., Ltd. There were also several wreaths from the foreign and Chinese staffs of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd.

**'SCOUTS' RALLY.**

**PRINCE OF WALES BANNER  
COMPETITION.**

On Saturday last, the Boy Scouts Association held the first Prince of Wales banner competition rally for the current year in the grounds of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, by kind permission of the Rev. W. W. Rogers and the Church authorities.

Scout Troops from the Island assembled at the Star Ferry at 2.30 p.m., crossing by special ferry, while Mainland troops had to report at St. Andrew's by 3 p.m. There was an excellent muster, 16 troops attending.

As soon as the Scouts had fallen in for inspection, the Commissioner presented, on behalf of the local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. the Challenge Cup for the winning essay sent in by any troop on inquiries into ways and means of furthering the objects of that Society locally. Scout D. Hunt received the Cup on behalf of the 6th H.K. Troop, his being the successful essay.

The 1st H.K. Sea Scouts were then presented with the Prince of Wales Banner won last year, the second year in succession, the 4th H.K. (Murray) Troop being the runners-up.

These little ceremonies completed, the Rally Competition commenced, the various tests being arranged and conducted by Mr. C. H. Blason, Asst. Commissioner, District Scoutmaster A. White, and Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Hon. Secretary of the Association. The tests covered sketch-map drawing, judging distances, area, weights, etc., message carrying, first aid, and observation and deduction. Tea was provided at an appropriate interval. Scouts not taking part in the actual contests were occupied with organised games in the grounds of the Central British School, kindly lent by the Headmaster, Mr. G. F. Nightingale.

At the conclusion, the Commissioner thanked the Rev. W. W. Rogers and the Church authorities and also those of the C.B.S. for placing the grounds at the disposal of the Scouts, and also reminded the boys that this was the last occasion on which Mr. Blason would be present at a Banner Competition Rally. From the very first he had been keenly interested and always provided very amusing and interesting competitions in observation and tracking. He would be badly missed.

Cheers were then given for the Church authorities and for Mr. Blason, who briefly responded, reminding the Scouts of the importance of the daily "good turn."

The troops then dismissed, the Hongkong ones marching down together to the Ferry and breaking off on landing on the Island.

Owing to much of the work being written, it was not possible to announce the result of the competition, at the end of the rally.

**MEXICAN SITUATION.**

**GENERAL CALLES DEFEATS  
THE REBEL FORCES.**

Mexico City, Mar. 11. It is officially announced that in their first encounter the Government forces, led by the ex-President General Calles, defeated the rebels under General Urbalejo, at Canitas.

The Government declare that the rebels changed sides when they learned Urbalejo was not fighting for, but against the Government.

Urbalejo escaped with a guard of only thirty.

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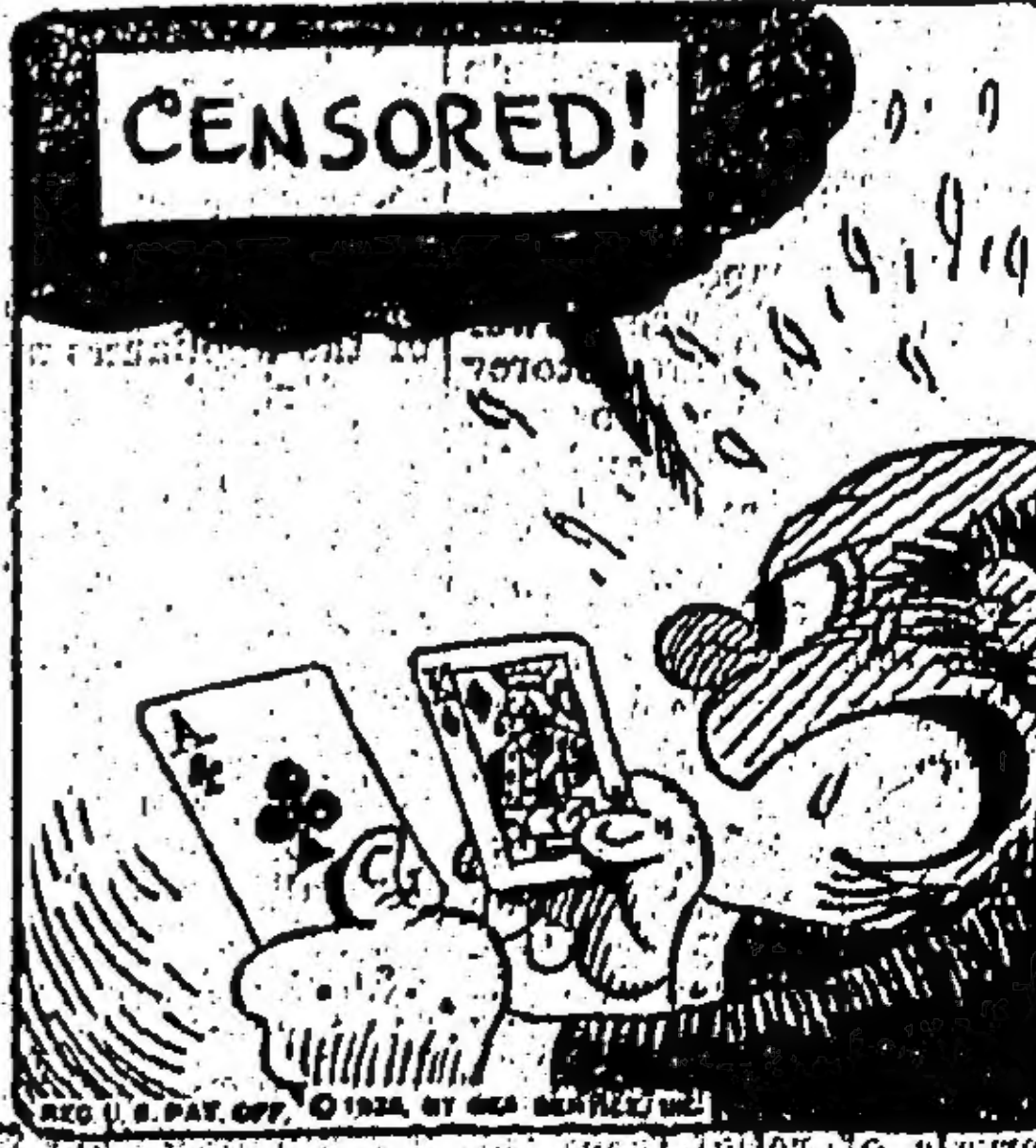
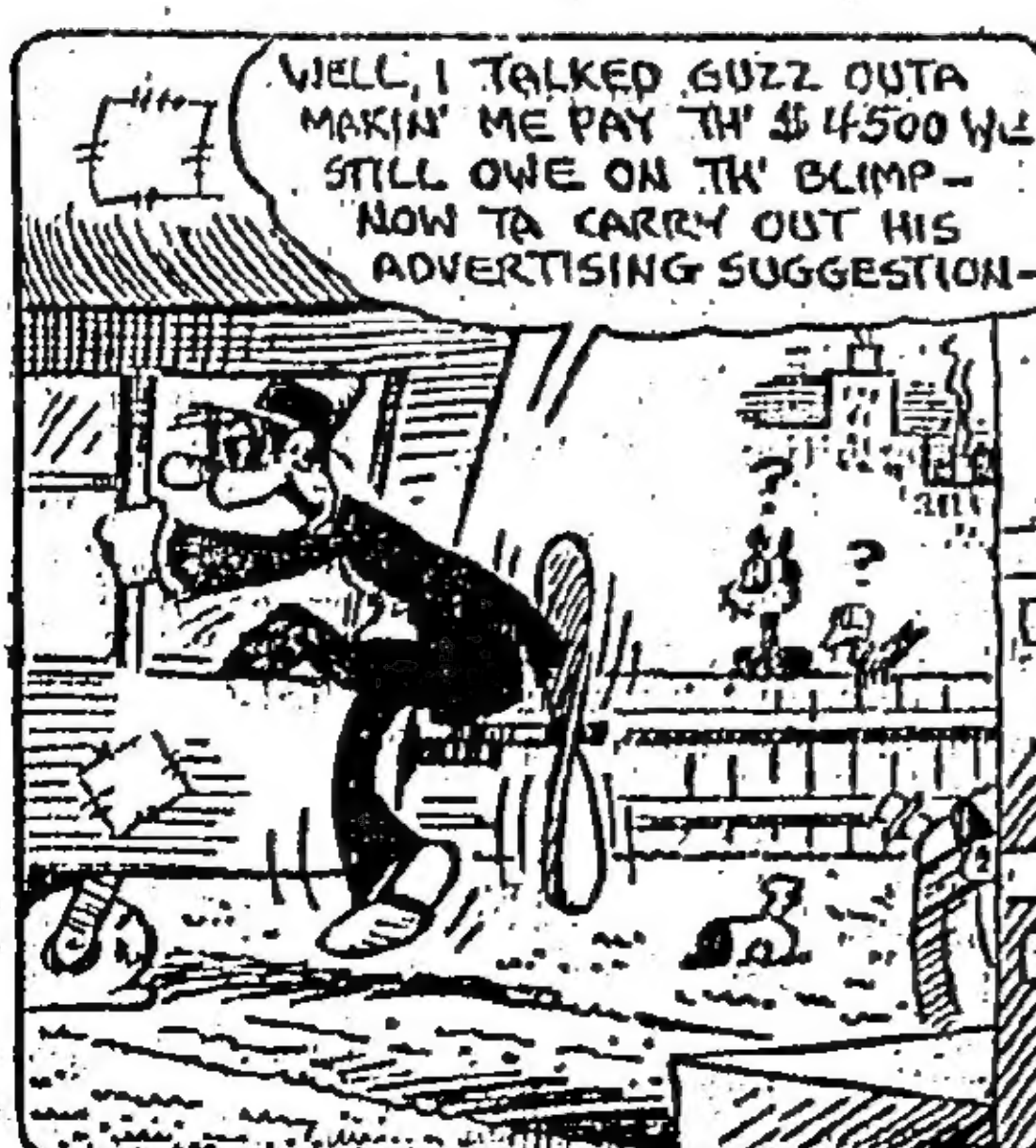
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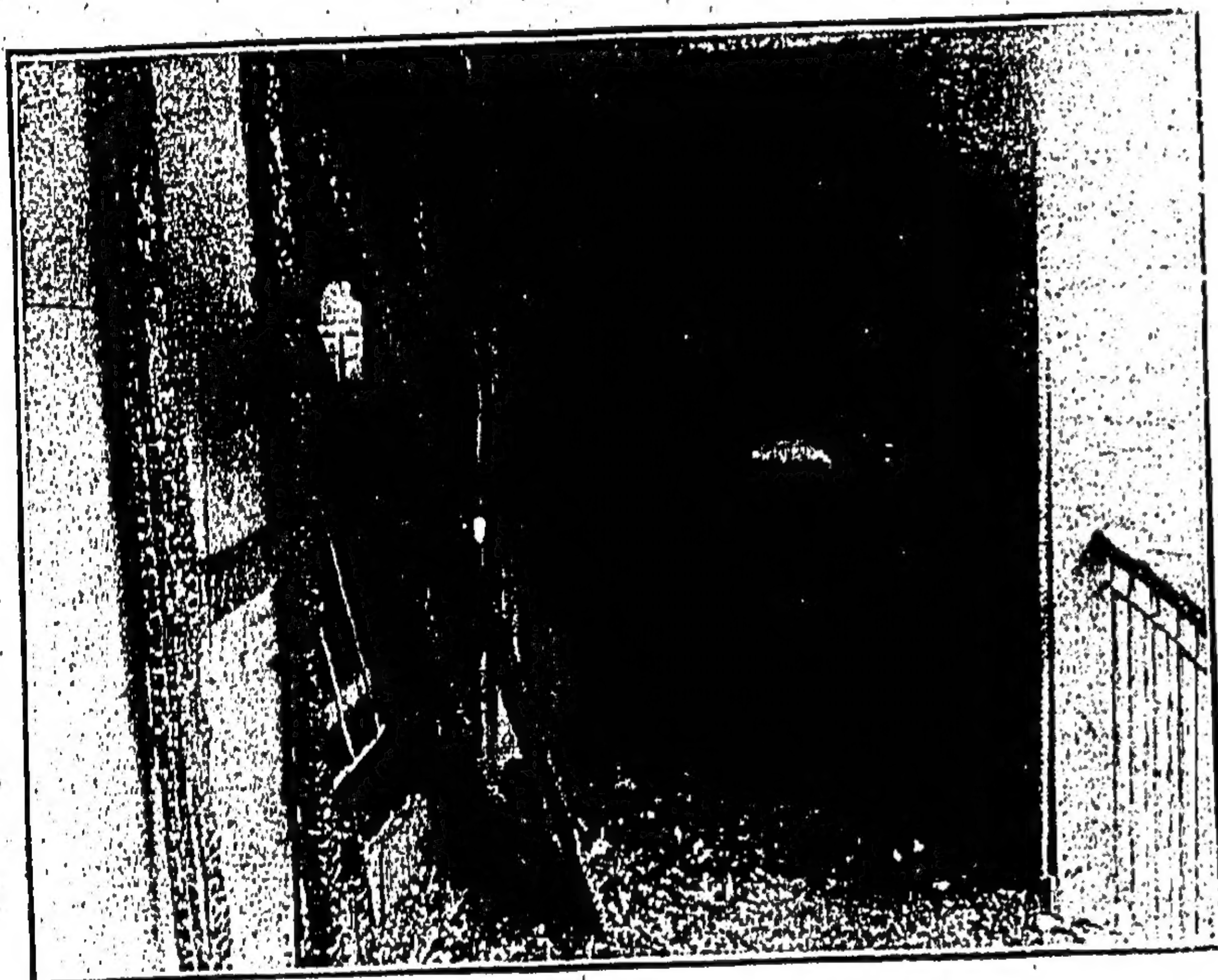




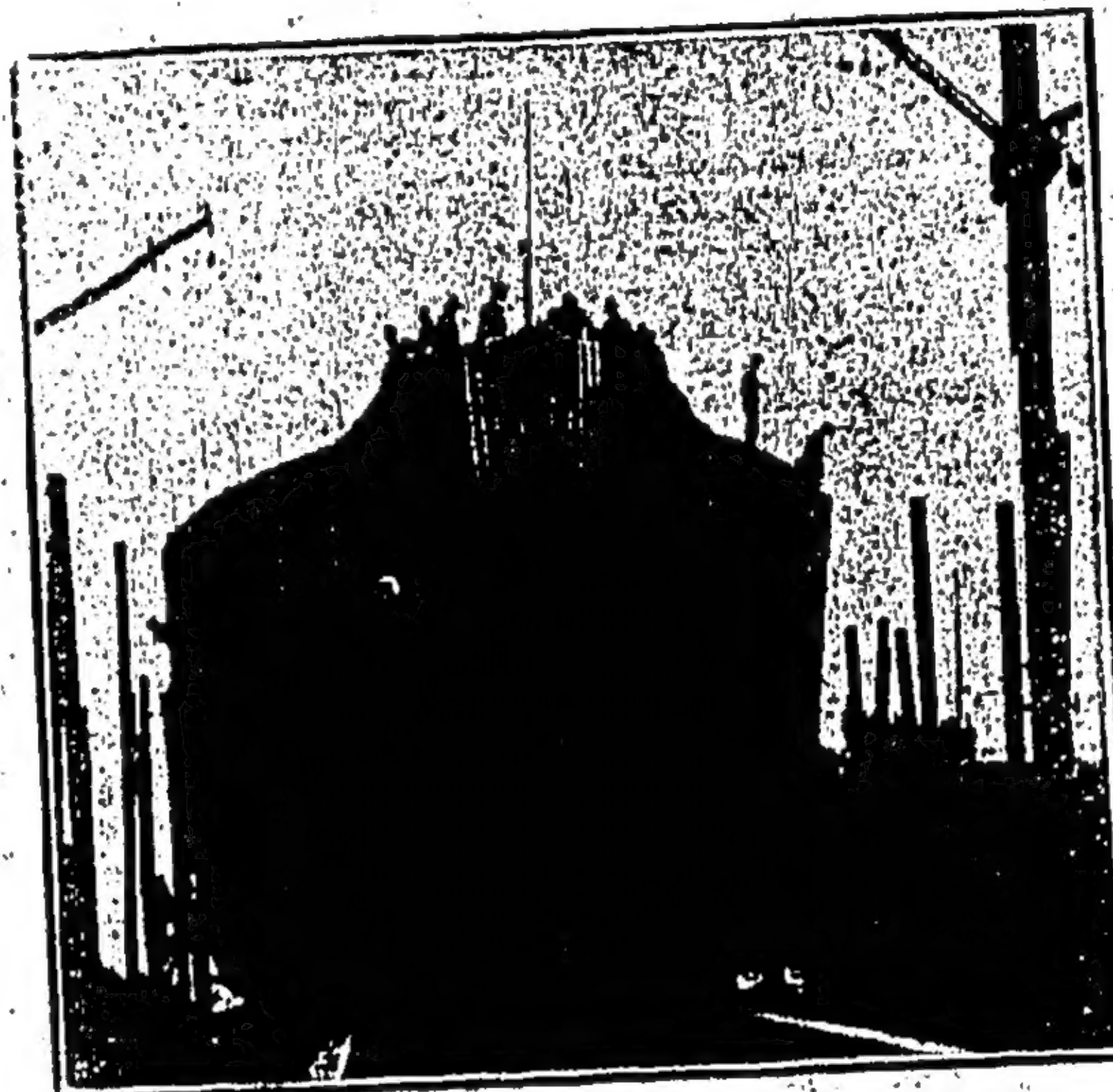
Above is pictured all that remains of the room at 146a Route des Soeurs Shanghai, the home of Lieut. and Mrs. Clausen, where tragedy stalked recently. On the extreme right is a portion of the charred remains of the bed.



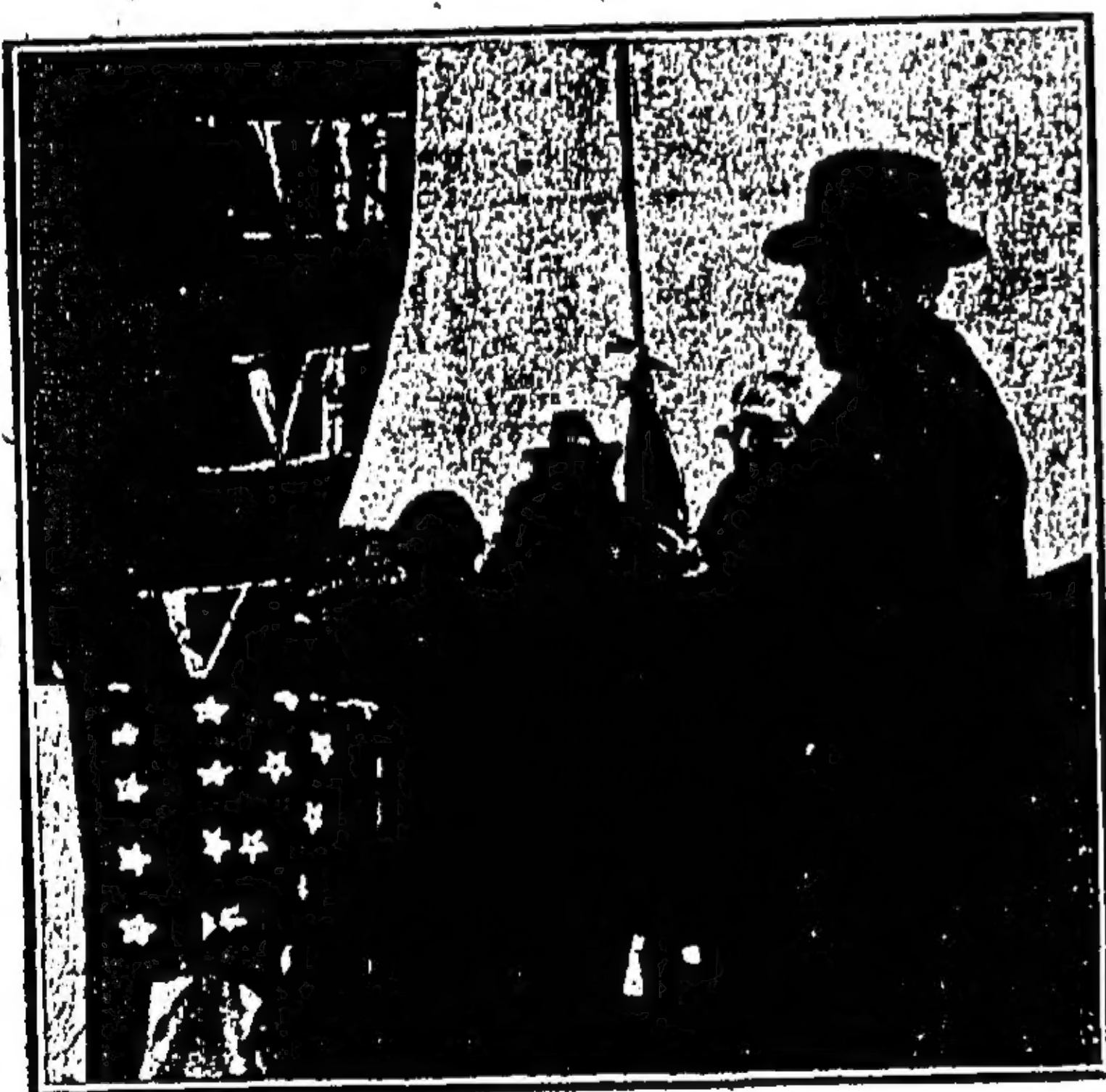
The "Singing Tower of Florida," or the bells of the Bok Carillon, are shown in the picture above. The tolls can be heard for more than fifteen miles. It was built by the publisher, Mr. E. W. Bok, in memory of his grandfather and was dedicated by Mr. Hoover and President Coolidge last month.



Another picture of the fire at the Clausen's home in Shanghai.



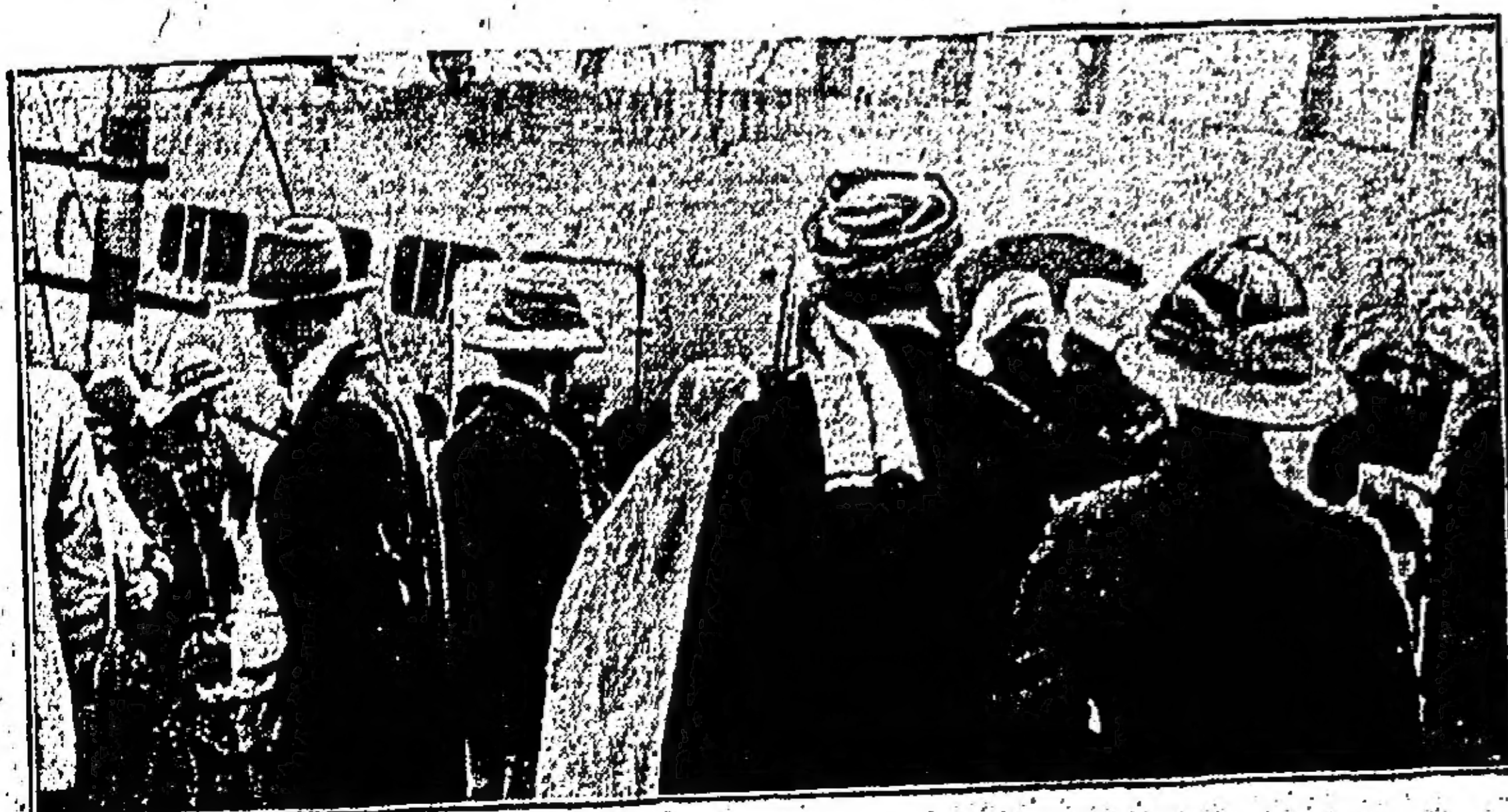
Our picture shows the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Company's new motor vessel I'Fung, taking to the waters with ease and grace. Her graceful lines were much commented upon at her launching, in Shanghai.



Dr. Anna Walter Fearn performing the christening ceremony at the launching of the new motor vessel of the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Company, the I'Fung, recently.



After the wedding in Shanghai of Mr. William Henry Helm, S. M. O., and Miss Joan Gilbert Blyth.



The arrival at Peshawar of a party of Afghan ladies from Kabul. One is seen in the foreground veiled according to the purdah regulations which King Amanullah restored. (Times copyright).



Above is a group of men of the 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment, photographed in Shanghai after their arrival from Hongkong.

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## Notice.

The office of Hotel Savoy is now removed to Hotel Metropole.

## FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES

SUNDAY, 24th MARCH.

Entries close at noon 16th March  
Forms from Thomson & Co.

## New Advertisements

### HONGKONG CLUB

#### NOTICE.

The First Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 Issue—\$500 each) of the Hongkong Club, Payable on MONDAY, the 30th September, 1929, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 21st March, 1929.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,  
Lieut. Col.,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1929.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1929.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fortieth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1929.

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Hongkong.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from  
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on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY,  
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Teak Upholstered Black Satin Couches, Armchairs, Book Cases  
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Oak Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobes with Glass Doors, Teak  
Dressing Table, Teak Chest of Drawers, Large Teak Linen Cupboards,  
etc., etc.

Curios, Old Japanese Prints, Water Colours, Bronze and Brass  
Ornaments, 1 Large Carved Ivory Tusk, etc., etc.

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Blackwood Frames with Jades, Ornaments, Screen, Chinese Temple  
Arms on Blackwood Stands, etc., etc.

also

Telescope in perfect condition, Valuable Books, New Oxford  
Dictionary and Century Dictionary, etc., etc.

and

One Very Fine and Old Japanese Dinner Service (complete).

One Large Kivlinator.

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(All Plants in Tubs and Pots.)

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Large Quantity of Cocos Palms (Ostrich Feather), Mauritius  
Palms, Fan Palms, Standard Orange Trees Plants, Maiden Hair and  
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On View from Monday, the 11th March, 1929.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.  
Auctioneers.

### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE

is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 8th March, 1929, until Thursday, 14th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1929.

### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 40TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 13th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 4th day of March, 1929 to WEDNESDAY the 13th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1929.

### "PEAK MANSIONS."

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TO-DAY,

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commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room,

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A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on MONDAY,

the 18th March, 1929,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at No. 26, The Peak, Bishop Lodge.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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Hatstand, Large Armchairs, Curtains, Carpets, Ornaments, Table Fans, Victrola and Records, Record Cabinet, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Teak Dinner Wagon, Silver and E. P. Ware, Crockery, Cutlery, Glasses, etc., etc.

Teak Dressing Table, Teak Chest of Drawers, Teak Tiled Top Washstand, Clothes, Linen Cupboard, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Blackwood Ware and

A Fine Collection of English and Australian Roses in Pots

(Furniture by Lane, Crawford, Ltd.)

On View from Sunday, the 17th March, 1929.

Catalogues will be issued.

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## FORTUNE-TELLING BANNED.

### CANTON'S DECREE FOR ITS GRADUAL SUPPRESSION.

#### A YEAR'S GRACE.

The Canton Municipal Council at a recent meeting passed a resolution to put an end to the practices of fortune tellers and others of this ilk who prey on the superstitions of the ignorant class.

The prohibition will take effect from January 1, 1930, says the Canton Gazette, and in preparation for the enforcement of this resolution the Bureau of Public Safety has been instructed to impose certain restrictive measures drawn up by the Council to enable records to be kept of this class of people.

As a beginning, all fortune tellers will be required to take out licences, while progressively through the year other regulations will be instituted to reduce their ranks so that when the prohibition comes into force at the end of the year no undue hardship will be inflicted.

It will be recalled that the Municipal Government received an order some months ago from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Central Government, through the Provincial Government, ordering the abolition of superstitious practices of this nature and the Bureau of Public Safety was accordingly instructed. The Bureau suggested however that prohibition be not enforced abruptly but restrictions be imposed gradually so as to permit this type of people to have an opportunity of finding other vocations as otherwise the sudden deprivation of their means of livelihood might threaten them with starvation and under the spur of necessity they may join the ranks of the lawless.

The suggestion received the support of the Municipal Government and the order for prohibition was subsequently held up pending the framing of suitable regulations to deal with the problem.

## HOME FOOTBALL SURPRISE.

### WEST BROMWICH LOSE AT BIRMINGHAM.

London, Mar. 11.  
The stock of West Bromwich Albion fell considerably to-day in the Second Division of the League when they were defeated at home by Bradford. Two league games were played, resulting as follows:

#### Division II.

West Brom. 1 Bradford 2

#### Division III (South).

Luton Town 2 Plymouth A. 2

—Reuter

### MARATHON RACE.

#### ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB EVENT.

The second annual Hongkong Marathon race organised by St. Peter's Young Men's Club is to take place on Saturday. The race is timed to commence at 8 p.m. sharp, the starting point being on Lytton Road near the University. It is hoped to have a large number of entries, which should be sent to the Joint Hon. Secretaries at the Club House, 88 Bonham Road. The general public are invited to witness the finish of the race at King's College and afterwards to attend the distribution of prizes at the Club House. The Club thanks those who have presented trophies for the race, which are on view in the window of the Blue Bird Co., including the following:

### LETTER GOLF.

We draw on a CLAY PIPE for today's letter golf puzzle. Par is seven.

C	L	A	Y
P	I	P	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN.  
2—You can change only one letter at a time.  
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.  
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.  
One solution is printed on another page.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

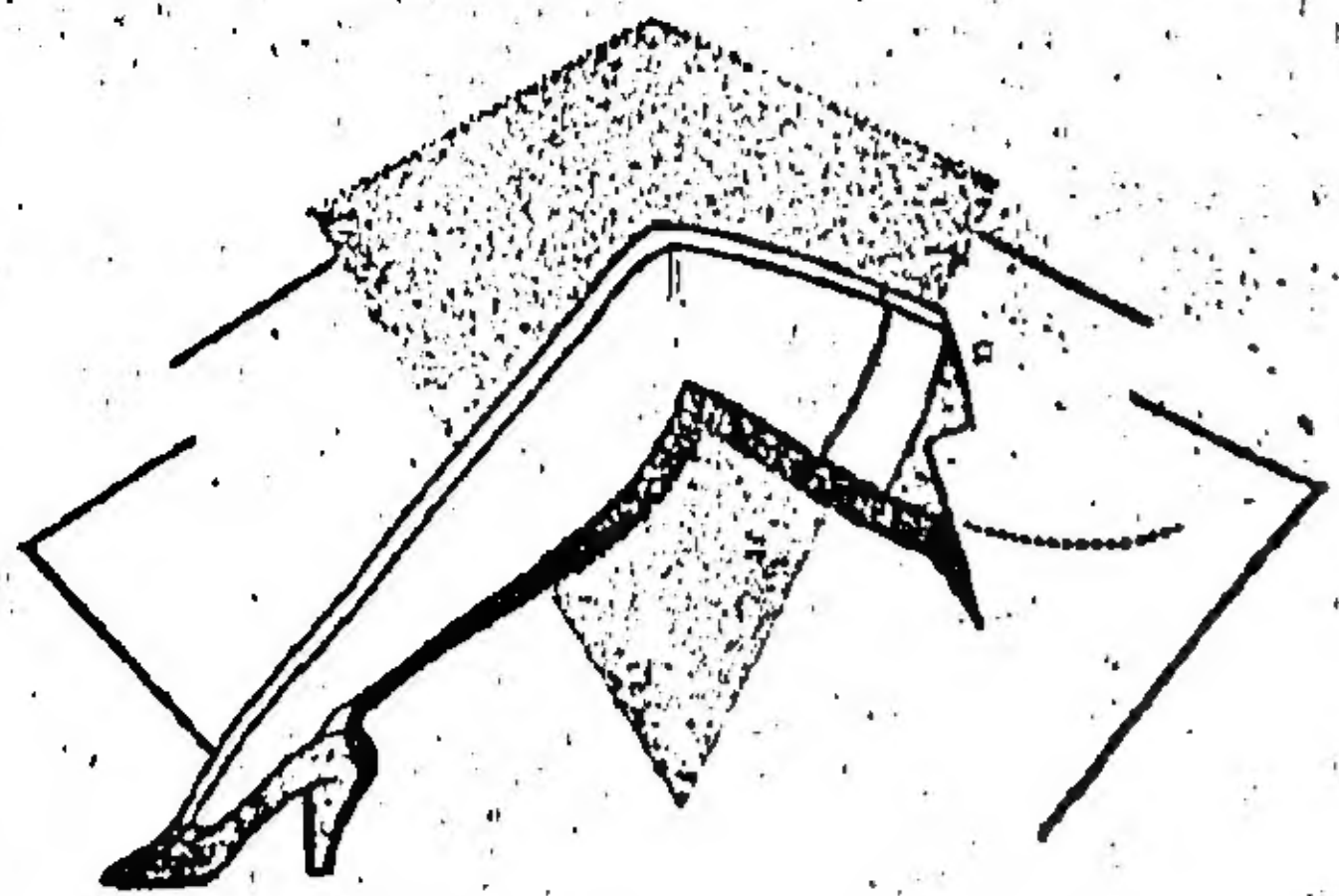
### INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
Straits	Nagpore	March 12.
Saloon	Porto	March 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sun Ning	March 12.
Straits	Moriones	March 14.
Shanghai	Khiva	March 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Proa. Jefferson	March 16.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers) London, 14th Feb., and		
Parcels, 7th Feb.	Naldora	March 15.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	March 17.
Straits	Fookiang	March 17.
Straits	Kitano Maru	March 18.
Shanghai	Patroclus	March 19.
Australia and Manila	Ali Maru	March 21.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Nanchang	Tues. Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Saloon	Lyemood	Tues. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Tues. Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Samsul and Wuchow	Kochow	Tues. Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hopang	Tues. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Linschow	Tues. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via		
Siberia	Porthis	Wed. Mar. 13, 12.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tijikang	Wed. Mar. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Nowchang	Wed. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Monado Maru	Thurs. Mar. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Klungchow	Thurs. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Parcels Thurs.	Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
via Thursday Island	Taiping	Registration Mar. 15, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	(Due Thursday Island, 20th March.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Naldora	Fri. Mar. 15, 2 p.m.
	Registration	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	11.00 a.m.
Japan	Naldora	Fri. Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L.		
Marques, East and South Africa,		
Aden, Egypt and Europe via		
Marseilles	Khiva	Sat. Mar. 16.
	Kowloon P. O.	
	Parcels	15th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	15th 9 a.m.
	Letters	15th 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	15th 5 p.m.
	Registration	15th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	15th 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 16th April.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Sat. Mar. 16.
	Parcels	Noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sat. Mar. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Fookiang	Sat. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Klungchow	Sat. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sun. Mar. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun. Mar. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Canton Maru	Sun. Mar. 17, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kitano Maru	Tues. Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L.		
Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt		
and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus	Tues. Mar. 19.
	K.F.O.	
	Registration	19th





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## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



The smart gown picture on the left is of red moire, with a port organ-pleated bustle and a long side train. The model on the right wears a smartly cut white brocade gown, with a tremendously full and long side train, cut in one with the back section gown. The centre afternoon frock is of cobwebby lace of a soft pink. It has a curious little dipping berth, capped over one shoulder.

### Jottings.

#### DIAMANTE BEADS.

Graduated beads studded with diamonds are the newest form of the sparkling necklace which is so fashionable just now for evening wear. The beads are made in white metal, closely covered with bright diamante, and the necklaces are to be found in various lengths, so that they can be worn once or twice round the neck.

#### Coloured Cigarette-holders.

Cigarette-holders of stiff coloured paper with mouthpieces of horn, which can be offered to each guest and thrown away when soiled, are a novelty for the smoker. The holders are made in various colours, and sold in dainty boxes of the same shade, so that the hostess can choose holders to match her drawing-room.

#### Knitted Silver Thread.

Silver thread, knitted in strips with scarlet and green wool, makes a novel material for a smart pocket bag. The knitted fabric is mounted over grey moire, and the flap fastens with a triangular silver clasp.

#### Jel and Taffeta.

Jel beads arranged in festoons on a foundation of black are used effectively to decorate the skirt of a picture evening gown of black taffeta. The bodice of the frock is severely plain and tight-fitting, while the full net skirt with its trimmings is placed over a straight foundation of the taffeta.

#### Brocade and Lace.

Green and gold metal brocade is allied with coffee-coloured lace to make an original gown for afternoon or restaurant wear. The frock is cut with a full skirt and a simple fitting bodice, and the lace is introduced in the form of a deep yoke, and again as wide cuffs on the long sleeves.

#### Amber Accessories.

Clear amber, delicately carved,

### Prejudice.

Very few people will cheerfully admit, in these days of broad-mindedness, that they ever give way to prejudice.

Most of us would like to be able to believe that, animated by that love of fair-play which is characteristic of the Briton at his best, we make a rigid rule of weighing our judgments carefully before we praise or blame.

Yet how far short the best of us fall in the judgments we pass on the people we know and meet as friends or as foes every day!

The qualities that attract or repel, not with all but the most rigidly just individual, as unnoticed agents pleading for or against.

A fault that is unpardonable in one person seems easily accounted for and not nearly so grave in another.

The memory of one's good deeds lingers long, while the bad deeds of another are remembered for ever, and his good deeds quickly forgotten.

We are all equally liable to these aberrations in our sense of fair-play, but it is fatal to let them sway us in our actions.

There is no injury that embitters and rankles like that caused by injustice.

makes a beautiful cigarette holder, the stem being made of clouded amber matching in tone. The two portions of the holder are joined by a band of emeralds and diamonds, and to match the holder there is an amber cigarette case with a diamond and emerald monogram.

Double Lamp Shades.

Double glass lamp shades, with a design on the inner shade, so that the figures show through faintly when the lamp is alight, are a novelty shown in the shops just now. The inner shade may have a design of fish, ships, flowers, or figures in picturesque costume, and the outer shade is made in slightly opaque but colourless glass.

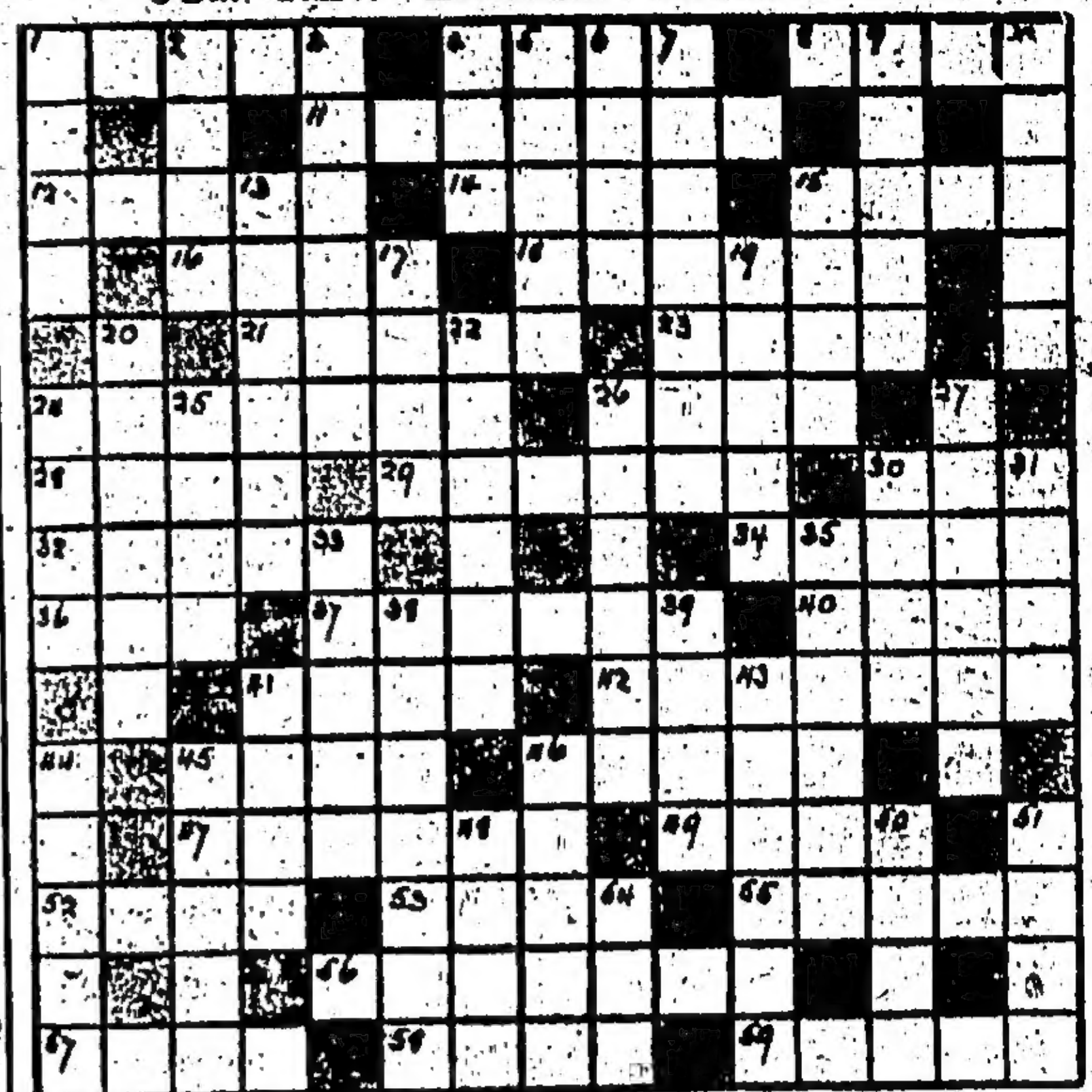
### The Ideal Shoe.

#### PLAINNESS AND CUT.

There was probably never so much variety in shoes as at the present moment, and the sales in London are bringing out ostrich, lizard, pigskin, box-constrictor, and all the inhabitants of the Garden of Eden with which to shoe myriad Eves. It is perhaps for this reason that it has become so entirely impossible to get a really plain shoe which depends for its effect almost entirely upon its cut. The strapped shoe is probably one of the most convenient shoes ever devised, combining, as it does, the advantages both of shoe and sandal. The Charles IX. strapped shoe is also one of the plainest. It has no stitching. It is made throughout of one kind of leather. There is no toe-cap, pseudo or other, and it is supremely comfortable. While the low heel is steadily making its way, the eye has not yet grown sufficiently accustomed to the larger effect of the foot caused by it to see in it an smart foot-gear as the shoe with a heel. But this is not to say that heels in their turn must have all the twists and curls of Louis Quinze, or that they must begin somewhere under the middle of the foot instead of being really heels.

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#### Across.

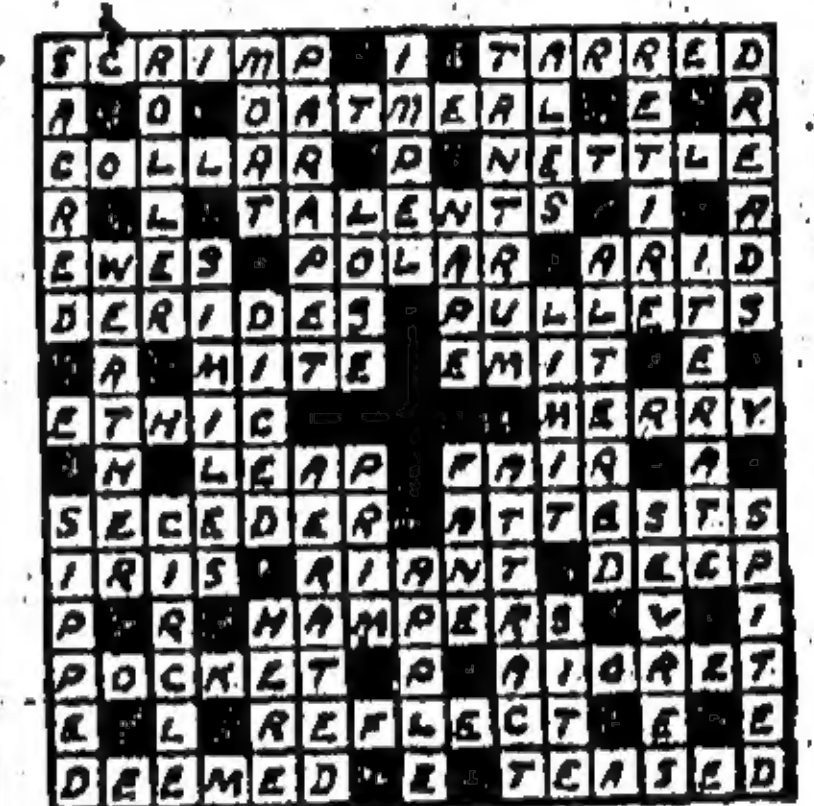
- 1 Harmony.
- 4 Smock-frock.
- 8 Influenced by fear
- 11 Revokes.
- 12 Pronoun.
- 14 Ready.
- 15 Formerly.
- 16 Soft species of hair.
- 18 Sacred hymns.
- 21 Runs like water.
- 23 Request.
- 24 Train of attendants.
- 25 Lively.
- 28 Opposite of a-weather.
- 29 Withdraw one's self from.
- 30 Sleken.
- 32 Fling suddenly.
- 34 Compact.
- 36 Era.
- 37 Combating grounds.
- 40 Pinches.
- 41 Jetty.
- 42 Irritates.
- 45 Dispatched.
- 46 Perfume.
- 47 Engine of war.
- 49 Swimming bird.
- 52 Handsome.
- 53 One of the crow family.
- 55 Weird.
- 56 Speak to.
- 57 Grieved for.
- 58 Observed.
- 59 Kind of large nippers.

#### Down.

- 1 Small particle.
- 2 Demonstrate.
- 3 South American.
- 4 Explore.
- 5 Jumps.
- 6 Used when rowing.
- 7 Gratified.
- 8 The least good.

- 10 European nation.
- 13 Less audible.
- 16 Give out.
- 17 Large pieces of wood.
- 19 Enticed.
- 20 Empty.
- 22 Edible British fish.
- 24 Tavern.
- 25 Restraint.
- 26 One vainly learned.
- 27 Spoke imperfectly.
- 30 Yields indigo.
- 31 Smaller.
- 33 Contaminato.
- 36 Entry.
- 38 Hinders.
- 39 Causes to set.
- 41 Nobleman.
- 43 Most domesticated.
- 44 Tender.
- 45 Flavouring.
- 46 Love ardently.
- 48 Travelled in a vehicle.
- 50 Small British bird.
- 51 Transparent substance.
- 54 Knowledge.

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many friends for their kind  
expressions of sympathy in  
their recent and bereavement  
and for the many beautiful  
floral tributes sent.

#### BIRTH.

LOGAN.—At Victoria Hospital on  
11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jas.  
S. Logan, P.W.D., a daughter.

**The  
Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY MARCH 12 1929.

#### HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.

For the second time within a  
little over three years, Hongkong  
has experienced a terrible hotel  
fire. Yesterday morning's disas-  
trous holocaust at the King Ed-  
ward and Savoy Hotels, Ice House  
Street, ranks, in point of casual-  
ties, far more seriously than did  
the fire at the Hongkong Hotel on  
New Year's Day, 1926. Breaking  
out in the very early hours of the  
morning when residents were  
asleep in the beds, the fire at the  
King Edward Hotel spread with  
such alarming rapidity up the  
wooden staircase that the best-  
known way of retreat was cut off  
to many. The fact that a stone  
staircase ran down the back por-  
tion of the premises does not ap-  
pear to have been generally  
known, with the result that a  
fatality list, of both Europeans  
and Chinese, runs into double  
figures. With these unfortunate  
victims and with their relatives,  
the utmost sympathy will be felt.  
In such a fire it was inevitable  
that there would be thrilling es-  
capes and rescues, and there have  
been justly high praises meted out  
to members of the Fire Brigade,  
the Police Force and to the Bri-  
tish sailors and civilians who  
were early on the scene. Prodi-  
gious efforts were made by all,  
and, in view of the fierceness  
of the fire at its height, it says  
much for the hard work of the  
Fire Brigade that the Hotel Savoy  
was only involved as far as the  
two top floors. It would not have  
been surprising if the whole block  
had been gutted.

Perhaps the main reflection  
with which one is left after re-  
viewing the outbreak and its  
death-dealing spread is that the  
heavy ornamental wooden stair-  
case of the King Edward Hotel,  
in the vicinity of which the fire  
first broke out, proved an unbea-  
table fire hazard once it became  
ignited. It was from this raging  
shaft of flames that the fire  
spread out along each floor, even-  
tually enveloping the whole build-  
ing. And the question naturally

arises in one's mind as to whether  
the majority of the big buildings  
in the city are not at fault in this  
respect. If we take the big and  
older buildings in turn, Prince's  
Building, Queen's Building, St.  
George's Building, York Building,  
King's Building, and others, we  
find that all the main stairways  
are of wood, though it is true that  
most of the buildings are fitted with  
fire-proof stairways for use in  
case of emergency. Inasmuch as  
none of these buildings is used  
for residential purpose, the risk  
of heavy loss of life through fire  
is not so great as in the case of  
a hotel, but the fact remains that  
the main stairways are of wood  
and, therefore, highly hazardous.  
Not only does this entail a greater  
annual expense in the way of high  
insurance rates, but it is a con-  
stant premium on the safety of  
many of our city workers. The  
need for stricter fire protection  
(or prevention) might well form  
the subject of a general enquiry  
by the Government and the in-  
surance people concerned, and it  
might be that a regulation calling  
for the provision of fire-proof  
staircases would be found to be  
justified. At any rate, we make  
the suggestion for what it is worth.

The time-table of yesterday  
morning's events proves that the  
Fire Brigade responded promptly  
to the call, and that within a  
short space of time the full com-  
plement of engine and floats was  
at work. But, owing to the fact  
that Hongkong is suffering from  
a water shortage, there was lack  
of pressure in the Des Voeux Road  
main—a factor which was great-  
ly hampering to begin with. The  
fire escapes were found to be too  
short to reach the top-most floors  
of the blazing building and fur-  
ther consideration must be given  
to the question as to whether  
Hongkong's fire-fighting equip-  
ment is as full or up-to-date as it  
should be. There was nothing  
wrong with the personnel or its  
direction, but there ought to be  
an examination regarding the  
adequateness of the equipment.  
Unless we are going to  
learn the lessons that such  
unfortunate disasters can teach,  
we shall leave ourselves open to  
the reproach that we do not care.

#### War Fever.

The war fever in China appears  
to be dying down rapidly and,  
presuming no unexpected develop-  
ment occurs, the likelihood of  
fighting between Nanking and  
Hankow is now extremely remote.  
The dispute has been dragging on  
too long in the form of mutual re-  
criminations and explanations to  
cause further fears of open con-  
flict; in fact, we are almost in-  
clined to believe Marshal Chiang  
Kai-shek when he says that the  
Central Government will not re-  
sist lightly to war. The unknown  
factor at the moment is the effect  
of the resignation of General Li  
Chung-ye, the Hankow leader.  
His telegram to the Central  
Government would indicate that he  
is thoroughly disgusted with the  
whole business, thus his desire to  
cut adrift. His resignation is all  
embracing General Li Chung-ye  
asking to be relieved of his res-  
ponsibilities as Chairman of the  
Wuhan Divisional Political  
Council, Commander of the Fourth  
Group Army and Member of the  
State Council. "We shall be great-  
ly surprised if a strong appeal is  
not made to General Li to change  
his mind, not only because he is  
held in high esteem by those who  
know him well, but because of the  
danger that might attach to the  
appointment of a successor to the  
high offices mentioned. His with-  
drawal from the stage at this time  
might easily precipitate the crisis  
which has been held off so long,  
unless the delicate situation is  
handled with the greatest care.  
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's letter  
sums up the position neatly.  
Since General Li Chung-ye's de-  
parture from the Wuhan area, no  
responsible official has been guid-  
ing the Wuhan authorities, and  
even his own orders have carried  
little force. In other words, since  
the cat has been away the mice  
have been playing very nicely ac-  
cording to their own tenets.  
Nanking is now presented with a  
difficult problem. Should they  
decide to elect a successor to  
General Li Chung-ye, and should  
they make their choice from out-  
side the coterie now in control at  
Hankow, it seems fairly obvious  
that the Central Government's  
dignity will be ruffled once again.

#### DAY BY DAY.

A GORGEOUS HAT IS A CONFESSION  
THAT THE FACE IS FAULTY. THE  
FINER THE PICTURE THE SIMPLER  
MAY BE THE FRAME.—W. R. Titterton.

The P. and O. s.s. Naldara, from  
Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m.  
on Friday.

Mr. J. P. Bourne was amongst  
the passengers who left by the  
President Taft to-day.

Amongst the passengers who  
arrived here by the President  
McKinley were Sir Elly Kadoorie,  
Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. D. Timmins,  
Mr. L. Goldman and Mr. T. Carr  
Ramey.

The St. John Ambulance Corps  
has had a very busy time during  
the past few days. Members were  
on the scene of the King Edward  
Hotel fire at 3.30 a.m. yesterday,  
also at early morning fires on  
Saturday and Sunday.

Pleading guilty to a charge of  
stowing away from Keelung,  
Formosa, on board the s.s. Tjikini,  
an unemployed Japanese was sen-  
tenced to two weeks hard  
labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith  
at the Kowloon Magistracy this  
morning.

The death took place suddenly in  
the Royal Naval Hospital this morn-  
ing of Mr. F. J. Connolly, master of  
the R.F.A. France, about 45  
of age. Mr. Connolly was trans-  
ferred to the France from the Khark  
last year. The funeral will prob-  
ably take place to-morrow.

A further week's formal remand  
was applied for by the police in  
the case in which six men were  
charged, before Mr. T. S. Whyte  
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy  
this morning, in connection with  
the murder of a gardener at Eli  
Cottage, Old Kowloon Tong.

A complete change of programme  
will be presented to-day at the  
Queen's Theatre by Sam Ku West  
and his Paradise Harmony Boys.  
Miss Aida Kawakami will also be  
seen in new items. The picture  
film is "Ten For Three," starring  
Lew Cody and Alleen Pringle.

A wolf hound belonging to Mr.  
P. M. Ellis, of No. 465, The Peak,  
has, according to a police report,  
been sent to Kennedy Town for  
observation and destruction. The  
animal is reported to have bitten  
Dr. Aubrey about a fortnight ago  
and yesterday it bit Mr. J. Jack,  
of Messrs. Wm. C. Jack & Co.  
The owner has asked for the dog  
to be destroyed.

#### THE COTTON MARKET BAROMETER.

AMERICAN CROP SHOWS A  
DECREASE.

London, Mar. 11.

An interesting analysis of the  
world's cotton trade is contained  
in a report issued by the Inter-  
national Federation of Master Cot-  
ton Spinners and Manufacturers  
Associations.

The cotton mill consumption of  
the world in the six months ended  
January 31st, according to the  
figures issued, was 12,760,000  
bales, a slight decrease as com-  
pared with the corresponding  
period of last year.

East Indian, Egyptian and other  
growths increased, but the Ameri-  
can crop showed a decrease of  
613,000 bales.

Britain's total consumption was  
1,440,000 bales, a slight decrease.  
Seventy-six mills in England with  
3,951,000 spindles stopped work.

Reuter.

#### THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT  
WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by Hon.  
Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain  
Superintendent of Police, state:

##### Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R64 Kiang  
Luey Cheong has been permitted  
to resign having completed one  
full year's service, with effect  
from March 7th.

"First Aid to the Injured."—  
Class for instruction in First Aid  
will be held at the Company's  
Headquarters on Wednesday,  
March 13th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Signalling.—The Signalling  
Squad will attend at the Com-  
pany's Headquarters for practice  
in Morse and Semaphore under  
Crown Sergeant R15 Ow Young  
Kin Hong on Wednesday, March  
13th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Annual Examination in Part 2.  
—The examination in Part 2 of  
Training Course will continue at  
the Company's Headquarters on  
Thursday, March 14th, at 5.30  
p.m. sharp, under Chief Inspector  
H. J. Paterson, Principal of the  
Police Training School.

##### Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian  
Company will parade at Police  
Headquarters on Tuesday, March  
19th, for drill under Sergeant  
Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m.  
sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, belt  
and cap without cover. No mem-  
ber may be absent from this  
parade without leave from the  
Company Commander.

##### Flying Squad.

Leave.—Constable R327 Poon  
Wing Fook has been granted two  
months' sick leave commencing  
February 8th.

The weekly instructional patrol  
of the Kowloon Section will take  
place on Tuesday, March 12th.  
Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsu Fire  
Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.  
Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol  
of the Hongkong Section will take  
place on Thursday, March 14th.  
Fall in at the Central Police  
Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress  
—Winter Uniform.

##### Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—The following have  
been taken on the strength of the  
Sharpshooters' Company:—Con-  
stable R437 F. A. Broadbridge, as  
from March 7th; Constable R493  
N. Stradmoor, as from March  
6th; Constable R439 A. Cross, as  
from March 6th; Constable R440  
H. H. Lasham, as from March 7th.

Revolver Practice.—Members of  
the Sharpshooters' Company are  
reminded of the revolver practice  
to be held on Sunday, March 17th,  
at 10.00 a.m., for details, see last  
week's orders.

"Defence" Class.—This will be  
held as usual on Monday, March  
18th, at Police Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J.  
Hunt. Dress—Muff.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

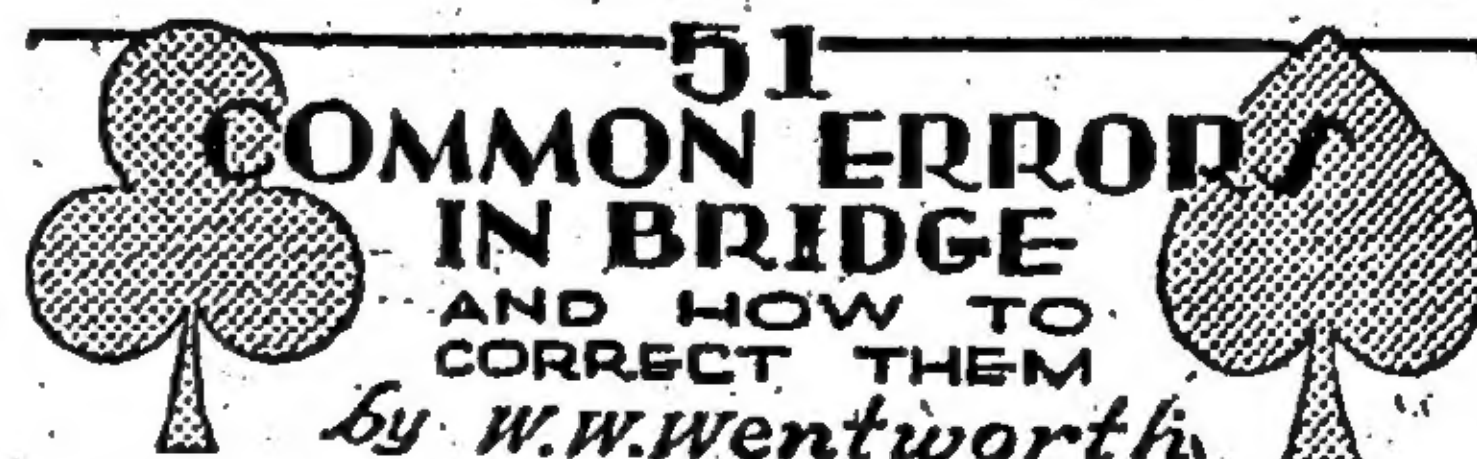
#### ITALIAN DESTROYER AT CANTON.

"MUGGIA" ARRIVES WITH  
CONSUL.

The Italian destroyer Muggia  
arrived at Canton on Sunday after-  
noon with Commandante S.  
Carrara, Consul-General for Italy  
in Hongkong, on board. Visits  
were exchanged between the Com-  
mander of the Italian ship and the  
Commanders of the British, French  
and Japanese gunboats in port.

The Italian destroyer Muggia is  
the old Austrian boat Csepel of  
850 tons, launched in 1912 and  
surrendered to Italy under the  
terms of the Treaty of Versailles  
in September, 1920.

The Muggia expects to remain in  
port until next Sunday.



#### 25. TAKING DANGEROUS FINESSE

North (Dummy)—  
A 5 7  
K 8  
Q 10 8 4 3  
A K Q 4

West—  
Leads ♠ K

South (Declarer)—  
A K J 10  
Q 8 6  
K 9 8  
A 7 6 5 4

The Bidding: South bids one  
spade. East passes. North bids  
two spades and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads  
King of hearts and Declarer takes  
trick with Ace of hearts, plays an-  
other heart and ruffs it in Dummy.  
Declarer then leads 8 of spades  
from Dummy. Should Declarer  
finesse?

The Error: Declarer plays the  
Jack of spades or 10 of spades.  
The Correct Method: Declarer  
should not finesse because if the  
finesse fails, a capable opponent  
will immediately lead a spade and  
the losing heart will not be made.  
Without the finesse game is assur-  
ed as you can ruff the remaining  
hearts.

The Principle:—As a rule, do  
not finesse trumps when you hold  
losers that must be ruffed in  
Dummy.

### The Very Idea!

A proposal to alter ancient  
academic statutes has been present-  
ed by a delegation of the woman  
undergraduates of the leading  
Swedish universities to the Swe-  
dish Minister of Education.

The object is to induce him to  
make female as well as male  
undergraduates eligible for  
bursaries. Many of these bursaries  
were founded many centuries ago  
and apply generally only to "you-  
th." The young ladies now urge  
that since girls are entitled to  
attend the universities and to take  
their degrees they ought to be  
allowed to enjoy bursaries in com-  
petition with male students.

The Minister of Education has  
promised to deal with the matter,  
but in the meantime the male un-  
dergraduates have organised "an  
anti-propaganda to show that  
where the statutes use masculine  
words no girl students can apply,  
but only where no sex is indicated.

Willenden applicant, when direct-  
ed to the witness-box—I have often  
wondered what it would feel like  
to stand in the dock.

Restaurant proprietor (at  
Westminster County Court)—  
Times are bad. We've lost £1600  
on our business. People don't eat  
so much as they used to do.

"I have come to the conclusion  
that the East End ladies have a  
sort of preference for me and that  
they come here purely and simply  
to have a chat with me."—Mr.  
Cairns, the Thames magistrate.

Mr. Luke, the Willenden  
magistrate, to woman: If your  
calculator is a substantial man,  
sue him for damages. If he has  
nothing, bear his remarks with  
patience.

Solicitor at Wood Green, N.:  
Book-makers cannot be numbered  
among the prosperous classes of to-  
day; the public seem able to spot  
winners easily.

"Good wine, taken in modera-  
tion, helps a novelist to reap suc-  
cess," says a writer.]

A little neck-oil now and then  
Helps authors tell their story,  
Be it a tale for maids or men,  
Romantic, light or gory.

So, budding scribes, if fame  
you'd win  
And find yourselves rich fellows,  
Arrange to get some good wines  
in—  
Best cellars make best sellers.

To-day's Dog Story.—A Farn-  
borough, Hants, resident, writes:  
"Your stories about dogs and  
second sight remind me of the time  
when William Terris, the well-  
known actor, was murdered at the  
stage door of the Adelphi Theatre,  
where he was then acting.

"I lived at that time in a house  
backing on to the one occupied by  
the Terris family in Bedford Park,  
Chiswick, and at the actual time  
that his master was murdered the  
dog was seen by my wife and a  
maid to be running in and out of  
the house and round the garden,  
howling like a mad dog."

The English lesson was in pro-  
gress in an East-end school.  
"Now what is a noun?" asked the  
teacher.

"A noun is a long thin dog they  
use for racing," came the unexpected  
reply.

It took some time for the teacher  
to appreciate the fact that the  
youngster was confusing the word  
with hound, without aspirate or  
final letter.

The theatre queue had been en-  
tertained by a short selection on  
the bag-pipes.

As the performer went down the  
line with his collecting-bag, little  
Peter, who had listened in amaze-  
ment to the music, turned to his  
mother and inquired, "Mummy, why  
does that man come round for  
money when he's only been tuning-  
up?"

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 11.

Paris	124.22 1/2
Brussels	34.95
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Berlin	20.44 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Bucharest	181 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Shanghai	2 1/2
Yokohama	1 10 1/32
New York	45 1/2
Geneva	26.22 1/2
Milan	92.09 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Madrid	32.92 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Rio	5 1/2
Bombay	1 5 31/32
Hongkong	1 11/16
Silver (Spot & Forward)	25 15/16

—British Wireless.



**BANK EXCHANGE CONTRACT.****MR. JENKIN ON DUTIES OF PARTIES.****RENUNCIATION POINT.**

Mr. F. C. Jenkin made his final address on behalf of the Banque Industrielle de Chine in the Supreme Court this morning, when the exchange contract case was continued. The bank is claiming against Tuen Kee Hong for \$11,554.78, damages for breach of an exchange contract for the purchase of £10,000 sterling in London. It is alleged by the defence, for whom Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., is appearing, that the bank broke the contract by closing its doors when insolvent on July 2, 1921, which was the month during which the contract was current.

Quoting leading authorities, Mr. Jenkin pointed out that there was always a period in which performance of a contract must be made. He explained that it had been held that the mere suspension of payment by a bank was not a breach of contract, because the liquidator might have accepted certain bills. In any case the shutting of the Banque Industrielle's doors did not carry the alleged breach any further than had the manager stood on the front steps and said he would not carry out the contract. There was nothing, continued Mr. Jenkin, on which his Lordship could find that, in fact, the Provisional Liquidator would not have carried out the bank's part of the contract by paying the money in London.

His Lordship asked if Mr. Jenkin made that submission in the light that it would not be incumbent upon Mr. Jenkin to show that the Provisional Liquidator would have paid, to which counsel assented.

**No Breach.**

Counsel proceeded to deal with other points as laid down in the authorities from which he argued that insolvency or bankruptcy were not breaches of contract as it was not impossible for the trustee to still perform a contract. The fact that the bank suspended payment, said Mr. Jenkin, was no proof at all that they would not have carried out the contract.

Mr. Jenkin then spoke with regard to what either or both parties should do in the event of a contract being regarded as broken or repudiated. They had to show their intention either in express words or in some act which was binding upon them, capable of clear establishment by proof of which there could be no doubt. If nothing was done by either side for an inordinate length of time then there was a right to infer that both parties treated the contract as being at an end.

His Lordship asked whether the defendant had done everything necessary. The defendant had said in evidence, that he enquired about the matter and was told that the contract could not be carried out, a decision which he accepted. Mr. Jenkin now said that defendant ought to have written to the bank manager to the effect that as he was unable to carry out the contract he (defendant) accepted the renunciation.

Mr. Jenkin said a mental conclusion was not sufficient. There must be some communication or act for renunciation. A party should declare his acceptance of renunciation at the earliest possible moment.

He added that when defendant interviewed the comprador, he concluded in his mind that the contract was at an end, but that was not enough. The case is proceeding.

**THE KING GOES OUT OF DOORS.****FIRST TIME FOR FOUR MONTHS.**

London, Mar. 11. For the first time for four months, H.M. the King was out of doors to-day. The weather was brilliantly fine, and this morning advantage was taken of the warm sunshine and the absence of wind to wheel His Majesty in a bath chair round the grounds of Craigwell House, Bognor.

His Majesty was out for an hour and was accompanied by H.M. the Queen, with Sir Stanley Hewett, his physician, in attendance.

It was stated this evening that the King had passed a good day.—*British Wireless.*

**Who Foots the Bill?**  
A size 25 pair of shoes has been made for a 10-year-old schoolboy at Alton, Missouri, who is 6ft. 10in. high and weighs 17st. 12lb. Five square feet of leather were used in manufacturing the shoes.

**HONGKONG AERIAL PROSPECTS.****THE NEED FOR SERVICES TO AID COMMERCE.****CANTON'S EXAMPLE.**

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, writing under date of yesterday, says: In your article published to-day and entitled, "Local Air Services," you draw attention to one or two points which I consider to be of such importance that they require further attention. The appointment of the Director of Air Services is, without doubt, a step in the right direction. You say, "The creation of a new official post, the Director of Air Services, implies that the Government intends seriously to concern itself with the provision of civil flying facilities in Hongkong in the near future." I think that it is only right it should be made clear that the Government have seriously considered the various problems connected with Civil Flying facilities in Hongkong for the past eighteen months. Unfortunately the same can not be said of the local business men.

Aerial mail, passenger and freight services are essential to the business of the Colony. They are therefore worthy of the serious attention of the big business houses and shipping companies in the Colony. In another way the Flying Club is of importance to the Colony. I have outlined these reasons sufficiently in the past to make it unnecessary to go into them here; if they are not well known, they should be. Singapore started a Flying Club about a year ago with two machines; they have over 100 members, and they have recently obtained two more machines, making four in all.

There are 26 Flying Clubs in England, all doing well, with several thousand members, many of whom own their own machines. As a part of the Empire it is the duty of Hongkong to establish a Flying Club together with aerial mail, passenger and freight services. Constructive criticism is always helpful. I invite those who hold the opinion that because Hongkong has never had a Flying Club or Aerial Service the two proposals are doomed to failure, to give their reasons.

You draw attention to the Canton Aviation Bureau, and you say that the Canton authorities have not fully disclosed their intentions. The Avians are going to be used for the Training School at Tai Sha Tau, where there are over 100 Cadets undergoing flying training. The Canton Aviation Bureau, under the Direction of General Cheung Wai-jung, have prepared plans for a number of aerial mail and passenger services. These plans are not just "on paper," experimental flights have been carried out over the proposed routes. All that is necessary to bring these aerial services into existence is to obtain the aircraft.

Canton have definitely decided that aerial services are of vital importance to their business, the next step in the Colony is for Hongkong to decide if aerial service are necessary to British trade in China. When this has been done we may be in a position to take another step forward and "get into the air."

**MAJOR SEGRAVE'S TRIUMPH.**

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train of spur gears, there being two propeller-shafts driving two crown wheels. The shafts are enclosed in very large tubes.

Other interesting details are the independent control of each front wheel and the special marles steering gear. The compression of the engine is no less than 12 to 1, which means the use of special fuel. It is cooled by a special type of aeroplane radiator, running on each side of the car, the full length between the wheels, and, in addition, a device called the Eatecic cooler is installed for emergency use. This is, briefly, a tank containing a freezing chemical, past which the water can be circulated if necessary.

**Water Speed Record Now?**

Major Segrave will now prepare for his attempt on the world's record speed on water, which at present stands to the credit of America with 92.83 m.p.h.

The challenger is an entirely new departure in boat construction, having a specially designed and strengthened hull of great lightness and breadth to eliminate the risk of turning over, due to the excessive torque from the transmission of 900 H.P. from a single propeller.

The propeller itself will run at an under-water speed of 6,550 revolutions per minute—a speed hitherto believed impossible and only realised as a result of extensive experimental work carried out over a period of some months. The length is 27 ft. 6 in., the breadth 7 ft. 6 in. and the total weight 29 cwt.

**SHANGHAI CONSUL PROMOTED.****SIR SIDNEY BARTON MOVING TO ABYSSINIA.****BECOMES MINISTER.**

London, Mar. 11. H.M. the King has approved of the appointment of Sir Sidney Barton, His Majesty's Consul General at Shanghai, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Addis Ababa, Abyssinia.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Sidney Barton, who was knighted in 1925, came to China as a student interpreter in September, 1895, and so soon did he show proficiency that he was interpreter to the British contingent during the operations at Tientsin in June and July of the Boxer year, 1900. Subsequently he was assistant political officer during the advance, in August, on Peking.

The next five years were spent partly at Tientsin as Vice-Consul, in Peking as Assistant to the Legation and again at Tientsin.

**First Shanghai Post.**

In March 1906, he first came to Shanghai as Shipping Vice-Consul, but in September of the same year he became the British Mixed Court Assessor and held that post for three years, when he was made Vice-Consul in Shanghai.

In 1910 Mr. Barton, as he then was, went home on leave and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple. Returning to China, he was sent to Peking and there remained, first as acting, then as substantive Chinese Secretary for 12 years. In March 1922, following the death of the late Sir Everard Fraser, he was promoted Consul-General in Shanghai.

**Hard Worker.**

Shanghai has been no bed of roses. A series of civil wars, a kaleidoscopic succession of consular authorities and the terrible months succeeding "May 30" have meant for Sir Sidney Barton an almost unrelieved strain. But through it all he has borne himself with cheerfulness and equanimity.

Sir Sidney has always been a terrific worker. He had a break from his duties when in 1926 he visited Hongkong, but it was scarcely supposed to spend his spare time in mastering Blue Books. But he is always a popular figure in society. He also plays golf and helped to inaugurate the new course at Seekingjao.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.****DIVIDEND OF \$43 PER SHARE.**

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on 26th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1927 of a dividend of \$43.00 per share, absorbing \$344,000.00; to pass \$25,000 to credit of Sterling Reserve, \$100,000 to credit of Silver Reserve and \$4,758-18-10 to credit of Reinsurance Fund; carrying forward \$765,329.19 in respect of the year 1928.

**TROOP MOVEMENT CONTINUES.****TRANSPORTS MOVING UP THE YANGTZE.****HANKOW IS QUIET.**

Naval wireless messages received in Hongkong indicate that the movement of Nationalist troops up the Yangtze still continues on a large scale.

On Sunday, continuous troop movements up river from Nanking were reported, but Hankow remained quiet and there appeared to be little interest taken in the general situation.

A large number of troops arrived at Nanking from the North on Sunday, whilst about a dozen transports were anchored off the capital.

There is still no definite information as to the ultimate objective of the large number of troops leaving Nanking, but so far these have not passed Kiangling.

A message from Nanking, dated yesterday, states that four transports full of troops sailed up river during the past twenty-four hours, whilst about a dozen transports were still anchored at Nanking.

**NEW SLOOPS FOR CHINA STATION.****DUE HERE EARLY IN JUNE.**

The two new sloops, H.M.S. Sandwich and H.M.S. Bridge-water, which are to relieve the Foxglove and the Bluebell on the China Station, are due to leave England for Hongkong on April 8. They will reach here on June 4.

The Foxglove and Bluebell will leave the station towards the end of March and the four sloops will meet at Aden on May 1. The Foxglove and Bluebell will reach England on June 3.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, will sail for Shanghai to-day. It is expected that she will stay in Shanghai for about ten days and then return to Hongkong.

H.M. ships Bruce, Seraph and Somme sailed for Amoy this morning, while the Starling and Stormcloud left for Swatow.

Other naval movements reported to-day are the arrival of the Magnolia at Chefoo from Weihaiwei and the Cornflower at Weihaiwei from Chefoo.

H.M.S. Concord, which made a trouping trip to China, arrived at Portsmouth from Hongkong on March 10.

The transport Somersetshire, which has been held up at Singapore for repairs, is expected to sail for Hongkong on March 14.

**"FINE TO CLOUDY."**

The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The Observatory forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

**HOTEL DISASTER STATEMENT.****SUPT BROOKS AND WATER PRESSURE.****SEARCH CONTINUES.**

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Inmates of the Hotel were waiting on the second floor verandah.

No. 11 motor pump also got promptly to work with deliveries brought in through the main entrance of the Hotel to the staircase and lift. Flames had broken out, intensifying, in this central portion of the Hotel, and shooting upwards these were making short work of the wood that represented the main constructional material of the interior of the building. So sudden and intense was the outbreak that the two topmost floors were alight by the time two other appliances pulled out of the station.

These appliances arrived at 3.10, Mr. Brooks stated. They were No. 12 motor pump and the No. 9 turntable ladder. As the work became more and more urgent, an order was sent through to the largest of the fire-floats, the No. 1 fire-float for it to be brought into use from the sea-wall.

The No. 1 fire-float, explained Mr. Brooks, was also kept under steam day and night, and it needed but a few seconds for it to get under way from the time of the receipt of the call.

It was also found necessary to use the smaller fire-float, No. 3, which arrived at 3.58 a.m. and took a position alongside the other float next to the Star Ferry Wharf.

**No Delay.**

Concerning No. 3 float, it was explained by Mr. Brooks that as a matter of procedure it got up steam only after the larger emergency float had left. There was no question of any avoidable delay in the dispatch of the second float.

From these two floats three 4-inch deliveries were led through Ice House Street and disposed at effective points bearing on the seat of the fire.

The naval authorities also assisted with a tug which, moored on the other side of the Star Ferry pier, was able to get two small lines into use.

In the meantime, what is known as the "Brigade Call," which was sent through only on occasions of great emergency when every appliance and man of the Brigade were needed, was received at the various stations, and the two appliances belonging to the Wanchai and Kennedy Town Sub-Stations were rushed to the scene, the first arriving at 3.32 and the other at 3.36, according to the official log.

**Plenty of Pressure.**

Positions for the effective use of these hoses were taken up on the verandahs of Prince's Building across Ice House Street and also from the corner of Queen's Building. A nearer point was gained by operating the lines from the Savoy Hotel, the topmost storey of which had become involved. In all, five motor-pumps were working and Mr. Brooks emphasised that there was enough water pressure from the very start.

Mr. Brooks commented on certain constructional features of the building, pointing out that, deprived of their principal means of escape by the early destruction of the staircase and the passages leading into it from the rooms, many of the inmates were trapped in their rooms and forced to look for escape to the verandahs.

**The Fire Escapes.**

The fact, continued Mr. Brooks, that the rescue ladders fell short of the uppermost storeys and failed to reach those who were on these verandahs was not to be taken as an assumption that the Brigade was deficient in its devices for saving life. The escapes used were the same as those of up-to-date Brigades elsewhere, with a length standardised at 50 feet. Used against a building of the height of the King Edward Hotel, they reached the level only of the second storey, but, short as they appeared to be, they were the means of rescuing no fewer than seven persons in the fire.

In addition, the Brigade possessed the No. 9 turntable ladder mentioned above, which, being 80 feet long, had a higher reach than the escapes. Yet it could not reach higher than the level of the third floor when brought into use. Again, this turntable ladder was the means of saving three other persons, one of them being a Chinese who was taken off from a precarious perch, clinging to a piece of masonry over the entrance.

Where escapes and turntable were of no avail in the endeavour to take off people trapped in the topmost storeys, they were urged to jump into the jumping sheets that were

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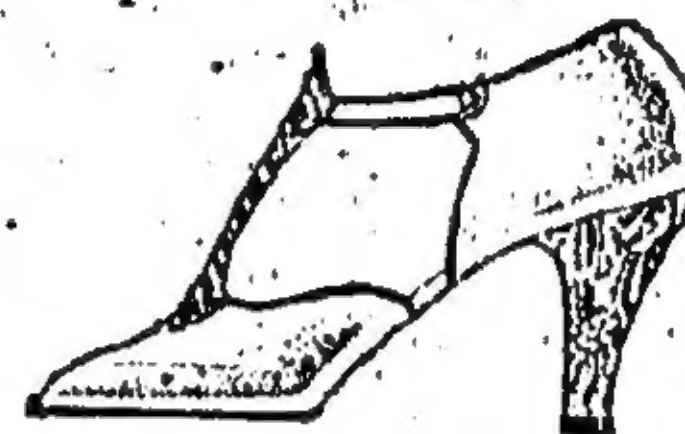
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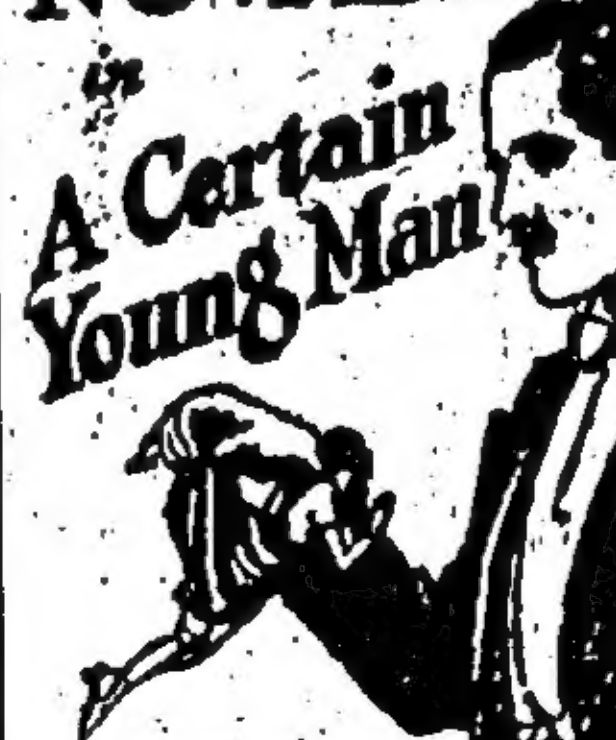
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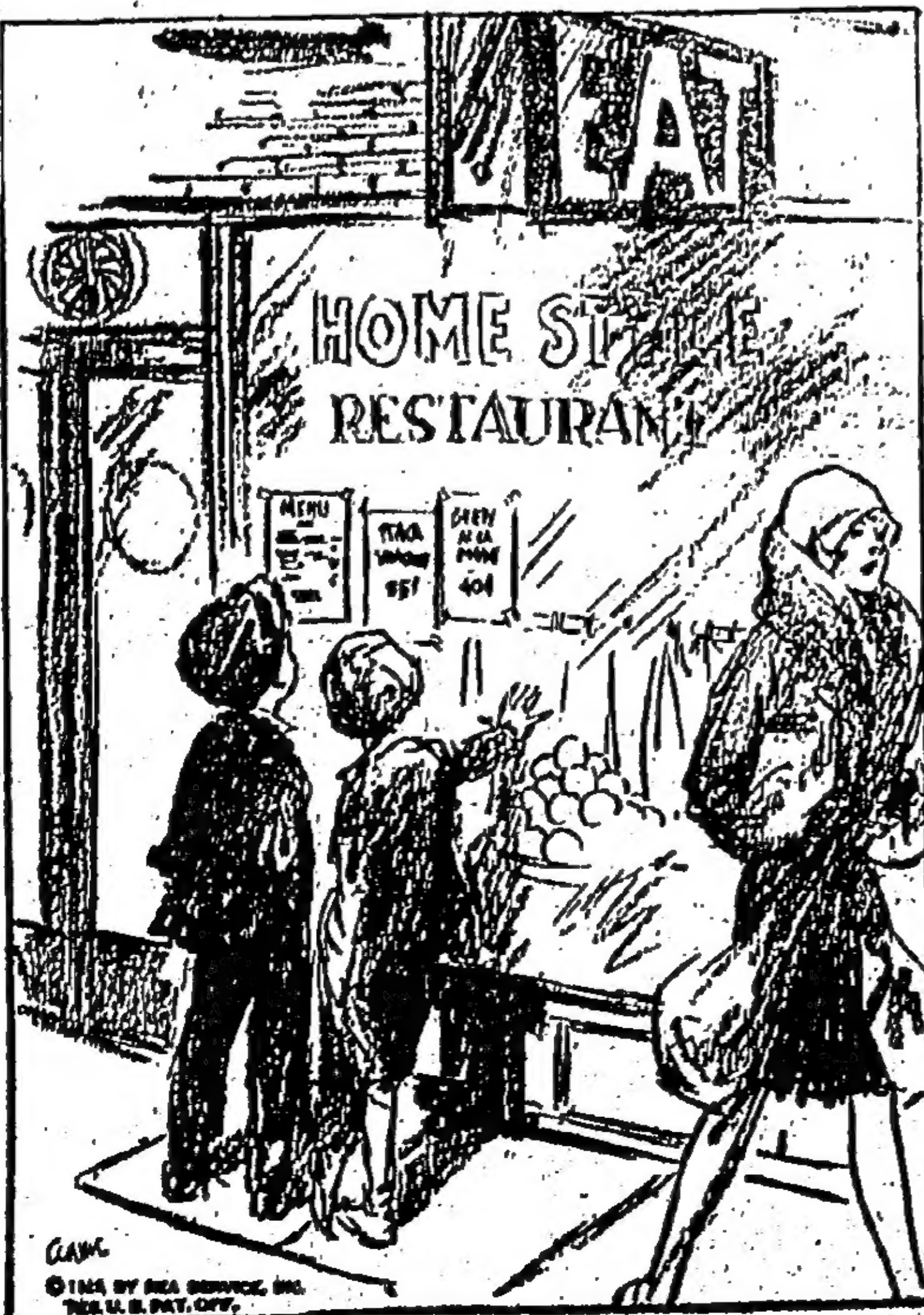
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### LAWN TENNIS.

#### RUMJAHNS WIN IN FOUR SETS.

The holders of the Open Doubles Championship, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, played off their match with J. A. Cassumbhoy and L. M. A. Razack yesterday afternoon and won in four sets, after losing the first. They were easily the better combination, the younger couple not being as consistent as the holders.

The Rumjahns were content to wear their opponents down in the first set, not making very strenuous efforts to take the set, which went to Cassumbhoy and Razack after nine games. The latter pair, however, were playing well together but failed to maintain their form in the subsequent sets, and lost the match by only taking another eight games, the scores being: 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

In the Singles Event, Horace Lo had little difficulty in accounting for Y. Sajiki. The match only went to three sets, Lo conceding five games.

An interesting tie in the Club Championship was the match between S. E. Green and his son, D. E. Green, the former winning in straight sets. The son only won one game. The winner is now in the semi-final. J. S. McEachran is also in the semi-final, having received a walk-over from H. Owen Hughes.

#### Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles—Horace Lo beat Y. Sajiki 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Open Doubles—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat J. A. Cassumbhoy and L. M. A. Razack 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Club Championship—S. E. Green beat D. S. Green 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A."—S. E. Green received a walk-over from T. H. King.

Handicap Singles "B."—T. J. Price (owe 2/6) beat V. W. L. Stanton (owe 1/6) 9-11, 6-3, 6-3; E. R. Price (rec. 4/0) beat T. L. Christie (rec. 2/6) 6-2, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles—A. Piercy and W. D. Fiddes Wilson (Scr.) beat T. W. Hall and G. H. Bradley (rec. 4/0) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

#### Today's Games.

Several interesting matches are down for decision this afternoon in the Open Events. The full programme is as follows:

Open Singles—J. S. McEachran v. E. F. Fincher; L. Goldman v. J. A. Cassumbhoy.

Open Doubles—Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham v. Lal Kwong-tsun and Lu Tak-chau; M. K. and M. W. Lo v. S. E. and D. S. Green; Ho Kailau and Ng Sz-kwong v. V. Yvanovich and C. Barretto.

Handicap Singles "B."—C. Stigter (owe 2/6) v. M. D. Scott (owe 2/6).

Handicap Doubles—J. H. Ashworth and H. A. Mills (rec. 5/6) v. A. H. Crook and O. C. Womack (Scr.).

#### Inter-Club Match.

In a lawn tennis match at the German Tennis Club, the home team beat the Kowloon C.C. by five games. Scores:

G. Boediker and O. Neldt (German Tennis Club) beat L. Jack and A. El. Guest 7-4, beat W. W. Hirst and F. E. Lawrence 8-3, lost to A. W. Brown and E. R. Price 5-6.

H. Ammann and B. Soltan (German Tennis Club) lost to Jack and Guest 2-9, beat Hirst and Lawrence 6-3, lost to Brown and Price 5-6.

G. von Ehren and H. Boese (German Tennis Club) lost to Jack and Guest 3-8, beat Hirst and Lawrence 9-2, lost to Brown and Price 5-6.

Totals: German Tennis Club, 52 games; Kowloon C.C. 47 games.

### LOCAL YACHTING.

#### THE LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP RACES YESTERDAY.

The R.H.K.Y.C. seventh Ladies' Championship race was sailed yesterday, the course being—Lyemun Beacon (P), Cust Rock (P), a distance of 5.6 miles. The results were: Handicap Class, Started 3 p.m.

Yacht	Finishing Time	Corrected Time	Points
Diana	4:12.25	4:11.04	10
Colleen	D.N.S.		0
Holla	D.N.S.		0
Fallen	D.N.S.		0
La Linda	4:04.40		20
Dorothy	D.N.S.		0
I. Y. and G. Started 3:05 p.m.			
Daphne	D.N.S.		0
Alma	D.N.S.		0
Halcyon	D.N.S.		0
Geal	D.N.S.		0
Flarella	D.N.S.		0
Thelia	D.N.S.		0
Viking	D.N.S.		0
Joan	4:14.12	4:22.01	92
Why Wonder	4:23.44	4:21.58	77
Wings	4:23.41	4:21.49	98
Bluenose	4:22.19	4:20.67	83
Uccium	4:22.19	4:20.22	103
Speedwell	4:21.14	4:20.22	97
Adnan	D.N.S.		0
Zephyr	D.N.S.		0
Iola	4:26.28	4:29.04	54

### GOLF IN CANTON.

#### MARRIED COUPLES ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Annett won the Married Couples Annual Competition, over 18 holes on the Tungshan Recreation Club's course at Tungshan, Canton, on Sunday, with a score of 94, handicap 14, 80 net.

Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Batchelor were second with a score of 95, handicap 11, 84 net.

Amongst the other entries were Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Stratton, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, and Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Sandstrom.

### HOTEL FIRE LATEST.

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brought into use. Four were rescued in that way. Mrs. Robson would have similarly been saved, but after jumping she struck a wire stretched across the street and fell clear of the sheet.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that the jumping sheets were brand-new and intact, in contradiction of a report that one of the victims dropped through one of the sheets.

#### Search Continues.

A big staff of firemen, P.W.D. and Sanitary Department-coolies has been occupied all this morning removing the debris from the ruins of the King Edward Hotel and searching for the remains of any residents who may have lost their life in the fire.

The task is a formidable one, for the huge pile of debris is some twenty feet in height. It is gradually being reduced, however, and brought out into the street. Some idea of the intensity of the heat during the height of the blaze may be gathered from the fact that metal parts of bedsteads discovered in the debris are shown to have been melted, whilst steel girders which supported the floors are twisted into all manner of shapes.

Mr. Enos Seth's room was on the fifth floor, at the Des Vaux Road corner overlooking the alleyway between the Hotel and Alexandra Building, and with all the rooms on that side, it collapsed, the ruins dropping to the level of the third floor.

There is still a great deal of work to be done in clearing away the debris, and until this is completed it will not be possible to say whether there are more bodies to be brought out.

#### Double Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson is to take place this evening, the cortege passing the Monument at 4.50 p.m.

As the late Mr. Robson had seen war service, was on the staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard and was a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps, it is probable that the interment will take place with military honours.

Mr. Robson came to Hongkong from Sheerness, prior to which he had served at Chatham and at the Admiralty. He was a member of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and took part in the guard of honour at "Edinburgh Castle" during the Military Tattoo at Sookumpoo last October.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson, who for a time lived at the Peak Hotel, were married three years ago. There are no children.

#### Tribute to Hotel "Boys."

A warm tribute to the eagerness of the King Edward Hotel "Boys" was paid to-day by Mr. B. Henderson, who was one of the residents who managed to make his escape.

Mr. Henderson had a room on the fourth floor, and he was awakened shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning by the sound of police whistles. At first, he did not pay any heed to the noise, but it later became apparent that something serious was occurring, and he accordingly got out of bed and opened the door.

He then realised that the place was in flames. Snatching up a letter of credit, which was the only thing he managed to save, he was dashing out when one of the Hotel "boys" came to call him. At first Mr. Henderson was making off in one direction, when the "boy" told him that there was no exit that way and told him to follow him, which he did.

On the way, other "boys" were seen rousing residents and packing up their belongings, and Mr. Henderson said there was no panic whatever, all having time to walk leisurely to the bridge connecting with Alexandra Buildings, by which they all made their escape. Mr. Henderson says the "boys" behaved admirably throughout and showed the utmost coolness.

#### The Casualties.

The official list of casualties issued by the police shows no variation in those previously published, excepting that what at first appeared to be the remains of a Japanese woman have since been identified as those of a Chinese lady doctor of Canton, Dr. Tsui Kan-shu, otherwise Mrs. Wong Yuk-ying. She recently came to Hongkong on a visit with her brother, Mr. Wong Kwong-leung and perished with him in the fire.

Stephen Kish, second-class engineer on the U.S.S. Memphis, who is amongst those killed, was 27 years of age and had been seven years in the U.S. Navy. He was a native of Roebing, New Jersey. His remains are being embalmed and taken to the United States by a transport which is due to arrive here on Friday.

Andrew Charles Piccoli, first-class yeoman, of the U.S.S. Memphis, is lying in a grave condition at the Government Civil Hospital,

### SHARE PRICES.

#### TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

#### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 n.  
Chartered Bank, £212 b.  
Mercantile & B., £34 n.  
P. and O. £91 n.  
East As. \$49½ n.

#### Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.  
Union Ins., \$388 n.  
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$2.20 b.  
China Fires, \$20 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$790 b.

#### Shipping.

Douglas, \$361 n.  
H. K. Steam, \$27.50 n.  
H. K. Tugs, \$1.95 b.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$92 n.  
Union Water-bus, \$22½ b.

#### Mining.

Benguets, \$270 b.  
Kallans, 70/- n.  
Langkate, Tls. 14 b.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 3.00 n.  
Raubs, \$7 10  
Tromoh, 17/6 n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126½ n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$401 n.  
China Provident, \$485 n.  
Hongkows, Tls. 168½ b.

New Engineering, Tls. 51 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 112 n.  
Cottons.

Ewa Cottons, Tls. 13.35 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 70 (old) b.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 n.  
H. K. Lands, \$63½ b.  
Shai Lands Tls. 166½ b.  
Humphreys, \$14 b.

Realities, \$8 60 n.  
Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19.25 n.  
Peak Tram, (old) \$13 s.  
Star Ferries, \$58½ n.  
China Lights, (old) \$12.75 b.

H. K. Electric, \$56 n.  
Macao Electric, \$46½ n.  
Telephones \$71 n.

China Buses, Tls. 11.75 n.  
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

#### Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.25 n.  
Malabons, \$30 b.  
Canton Ice, \$21 s.  
Camonte (Comb.) \$9.10 b.

Ropes (Old) \$7½ b.  
United Asbestos & Co. n.  
Stores etc.

Dairy Farms, \$20½ s.  
Watsons, \$14 b.  
Dor A. Wing, 80 b.

Lano Crawford, \$24 n.  
Mackintosh, \$20 n.  
Sinceres, \$10½ b.

#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26½ s.  
Constructions, \$1.25 n.  
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Killed.—Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Robson (British), Mr. William Wood (Australian), Mons. Paul Bailie (French), Stephen Kish (American), Dr. (Mrs.) Tsui Kan-shui and her brother, Wong Kwong-leung, Mr. Cheung Hei-kang (Secretary to General Chan Ming-shui), and Leung Kwan (room-boy).

Injured.—General and Madame Chan Ming-shui, Andrew Piccoli (U.S.S. Memphis), Ng Kar-yuen (kitchen-boy) and To Chat (room-boy).

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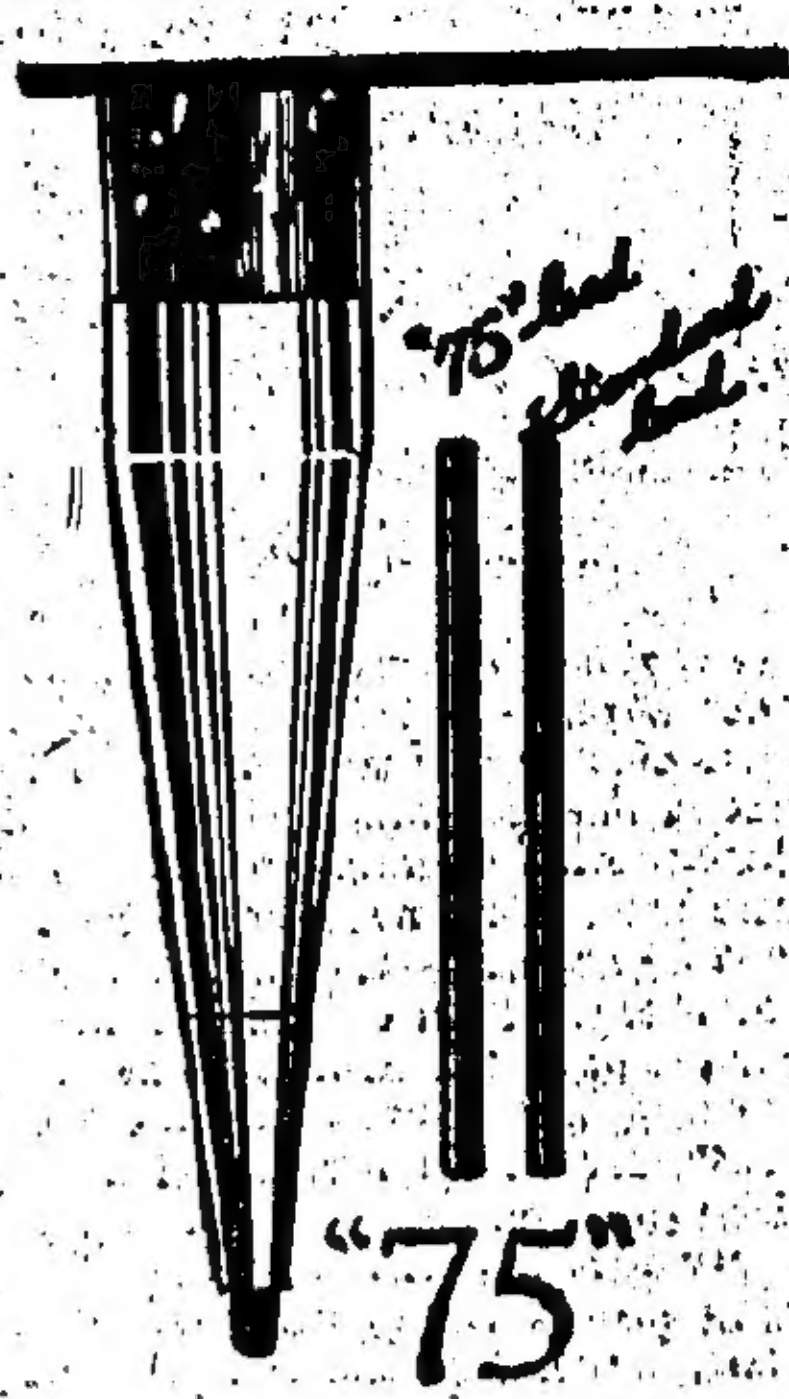
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## PUBLIC LAND SALE.

KEEN BIDDING FOR TWO LOTS IN MONGKOK.

The sale by public auction of two pieces of land at Kowloon produced keen bidding, at the Land Office of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2178, with an area of 4,470 square feet, was the first of the two sites to be put up for sale. Bidding commenced at \$7,825, and this figure was raised by brisk competition between three prospective purchasers to well over the five-figure mark. At \$12,000 the property was knocked down to Mr. Andrew Harper. The property is situated at Portland Street, Mongkok.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2179 which was next offered, was sold to Mr. Fred C. Mowfung, of Messrs. Banker and Company, who outbid two other competitors. The sale price was \$2,050.

The property measures 1,054 square feet, and is situated at Sai Young Choi Street, Mongkok.

## Reclamation Lot.

The sale by public auction of three valuable pieces of property was effected at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa being the auctioneer.

The first lot, comprising the buildings known as Nos. 123 and 125 Hollywood Road, was sold for \$66,000, the area of the property being given as 1,436 square feet or thereabouts.

The second lot, described as the remaining portion of Section B of Inland Lot No. 851, with a building thereon, and known as No. 25, Circular Pathway, was disposed of for a sum of \$21,500.

Lot No. 3, consisting of 5,555 square feet of the Praya East Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 124, was sold for \$17,000.

All three properties were bought by the Yue Hing Company.

## RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 530-530 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music.

7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.  
8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Anderson Music Co.).

"The Dollar Princess" (Leo Fall) Selection, London Theatre Orch.

"Slumber Dear Maid," (Handel's Largo)

"The Last Chord," (Sullivan) Contralto, Carrie Herwin.

"Brahms Waltzes" (Brahms) Pianoforte Duet by Barnett and Vladimir Cornikoff.

"Napoleon," (Schaub) Comedian, Billy Bennett.

"Chauve Souris" (from "Chauve Souris") Mmes. Birse and Ershov.

"St. Louis Blues," (Handy) "Chimes," Sol. Hoop's Novelty Trio.

"Cuckoo," (You remind me of a magpie spring time).

"So Tired," Florence Oldham.

"Rose of the South-Waltz," "Wiener Blut-Waltz," Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.

"Quartet in G minor," (Debussy—Op. 10, No. 1) "Lener String Quartet." (Lener, Smilovits, Roth, and Hartman).

"The Meanderings of Monty, No. 20—" (Monty attends a board-meeting) Monologue by Milton Hayes.

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"How Can I Leave Thee?" (Thuringian Folk Song) The American Singers.

10.10 p.m. News Bulletin. "Lady Mary—I've Got a Feeling for Somebody" The Kit-Cat Band.

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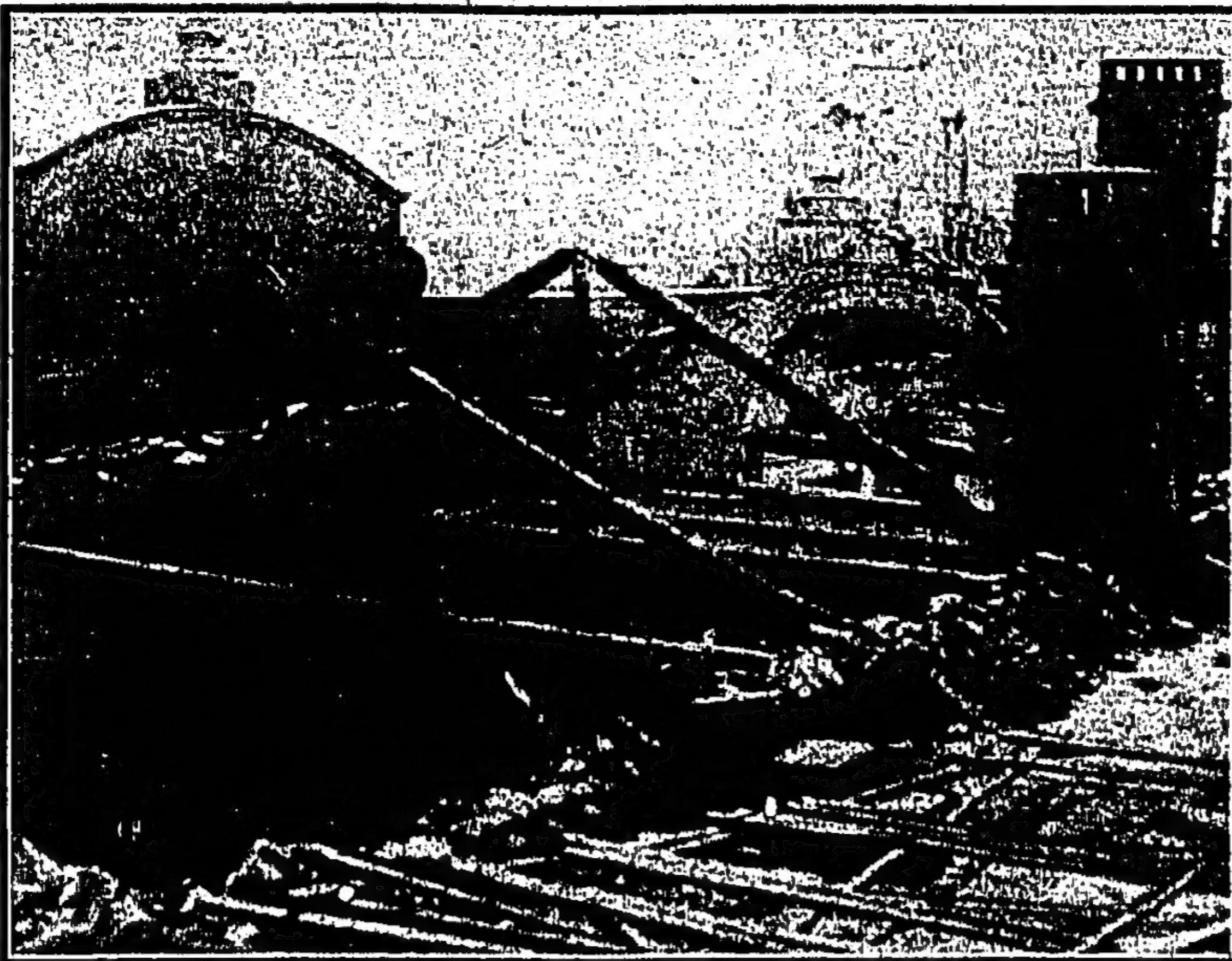
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**INDIA OFFICE AND GANDHI.**

**NOW ADMITS AGITATOR WAS ARRESTED.**

**SWARAJIST BONFIRE.**

London, Mar. 11. Earl Winterton's recent denial that Gandhi, the noted Swarajist agitator, was arrested in Calcutta after a serious disturbance, was corrected by the Under-Secretary for India in the House of Commons to-day.

In the face of the reports from Calcutta, the story that Gandhi was not arrested seemed somewhat strange, and a series of questions were put bearing on this point. Earl Winterton said that he had later information which showed that Gandhi was technically arrested at his residence in order to enable him to give recognisances. Gandhi is to be prosecuted for lighting a bonfire in a public place without authority.

Gandhi's bonfire was arranged at a meeting in Mizapur Park, Calcutta, and consisted of stacks of British cloth which were burned to emphasise the Indian National Congress resolution boycotting British cloth.

Gandhi was warned against making a pyre of the cloth in a public place; but urged his followers to disobey the official interdiction, with the result that a disturbance occurred.—Reuter.

**LI CHAI-SUM IN SHANGHAI.**

**SOUTHERN LEADER REMAINS NON-COMMITTAL.**

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Marshal Li Chai-sum, the Canton leader, gave an interview to Reuter's representative in Shanghai this evening. He was optimistic regarding a peaceful settlement of the Hunan imbroglio, but otherwise was non-committal. He stated that he is arranging to leave for Nanking to-morrow evening (Tuesday).—Reuter.

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton has been conferring with Chang Ching-kiang, Tsai Yuen-pai, Wu Tze-hui and Li Shih-tseng. He told Pressmen later that the Wu-Han and Nanking leaders will probably reach some sort of compromise in the near future regarding the Hunan coup and the dismissal of Lu Ti-ping.

Marshal Li declared that he will probably proceed to Nanking to-morrow with the Moderate politicians to meet Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. Marshal Li added that he will try to persuade General Li Chung-yen to go with him.

Later. It is learned that Marshal Li Chai-sum had a long talk with Li Chung-yen this evening.

According to a Peking telegram, General Pei Chung-hsi another prominent Kwangai leader, left Peking on Sunday evening for Tongshan. His movements have been closely watched by those apprehensive of a clash between Nanking and Wu-Han.

**THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.**

**FUNCTIONS OF PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL BANK.**

**COMMITTEE TO REPORT**

London, Mar. 11. The Committee of Experts on Reparations held a plenary session this morning in Paris and discussed the function of the proposed new international bank for dealing with Reparation payments.

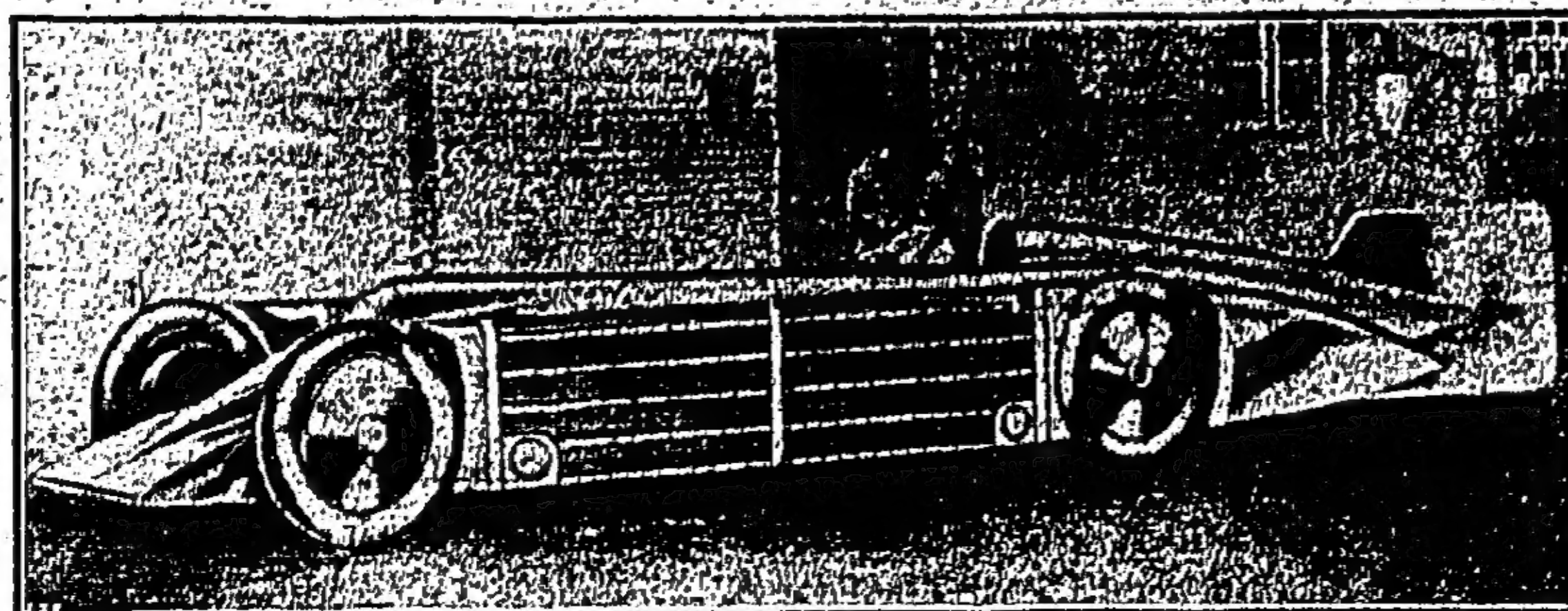
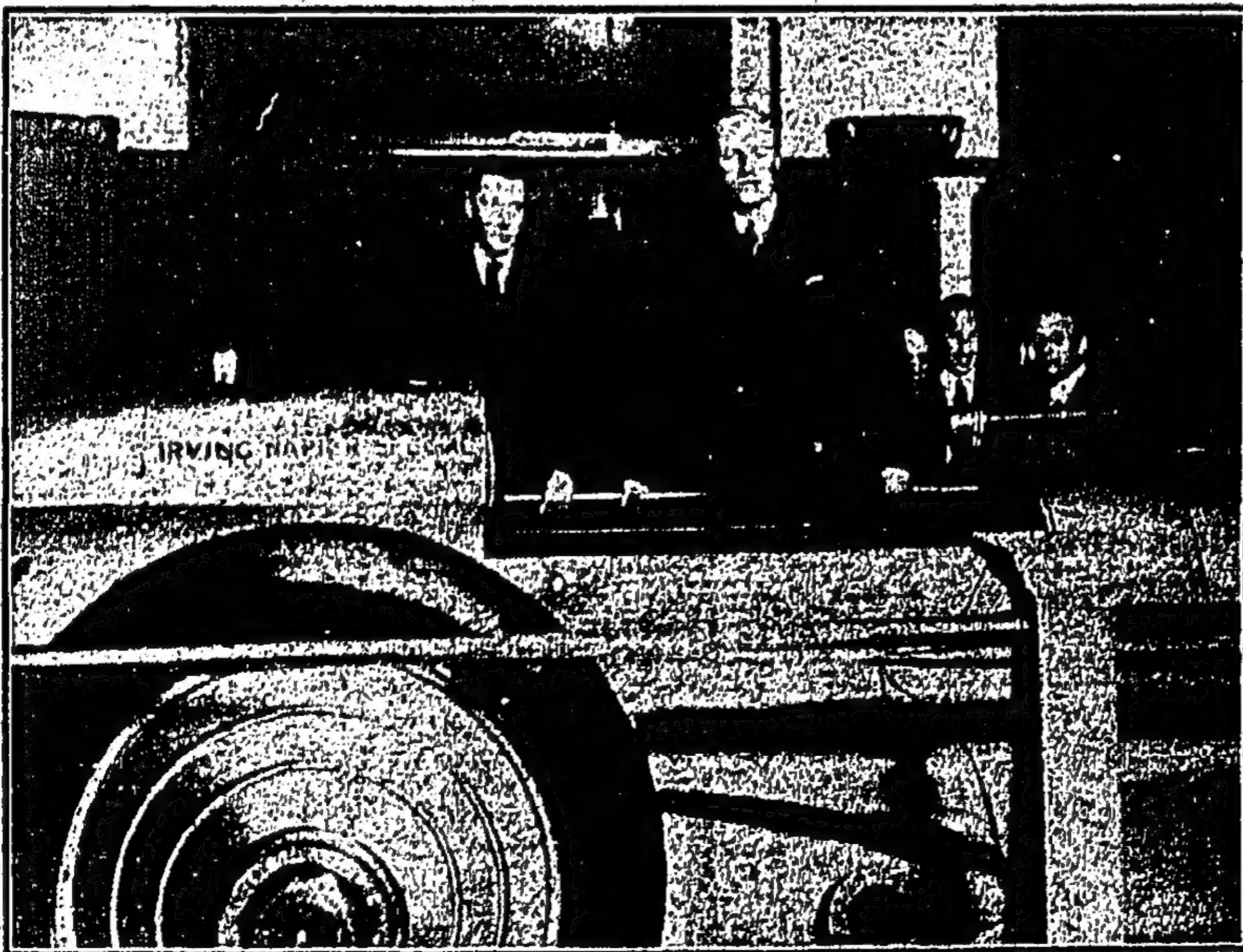
A Sub-Committee, presided over by Lord Revelstoke, one of the British delegates, was appointed to draw up a report regarding the functions of the new bank, especially in its relation to the exchange market and to measures to prevent heavy fluctuations in that market.

The new Sub-Committee will also consider how the new bank would stand in connexion with the Central Banks of issue, what credits its resources would be able to bear, and, lastly, how the capital of the new bank would be constituted.—British Wireless.

**FANLING GOLF.**

The final of the Championship of the Ladies Section was played over 18 holes on the old course at Fanling on Sunday and resulted in a win for Mrs. T. B. Whyte-Smith by 4 and 2, the runner up being Mrs. Sommerfeld.

**LAND SPEED RECORD FOR GREAT BRITAIN.**



Above are two views of the Golden Arrow, the Irving Special, in which Major H.O.D. Segrave yesterday recaptured the land speed record for Great Britain. He attained the sensational mean speed of 231.36946 miles an hour. Major Segrave will be seen in the top picture.

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